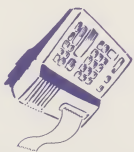
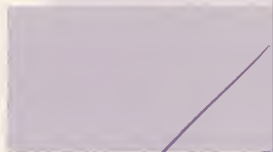


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## *IT'S ELECTRIFYING!*

Going through a hair-raising experience, Miles Dunscombe, science teacher, conducts electricity through the electroconvulsor. Many experiments are performed and practiced in the science department. (Perisho photo)

# Open for Business



## Some said it couldn't be done...some said it shouldn't have been done, but in spite of it all...we're here...

As the end of August approached, so did the question of where we would attend school. There were plenty of rumors floating around, ranging from the student body being split to attending at two different times during the day. There would have been an a.m. and p.m. class just like in kindergaren. Another one was that we

would be transferred to Lew Wallace, a nearby school. These rumors all came to an end when the announcement came that we would be starting school Aug. 27 at MHS.

It was amazing to people who drove down I 65 to find out that we were still in this school amidst all the construction. But the fact that there were many questions on where classes were located or how long before new rooms were done so teachers could get settled in didn't affect us. We entered the school on Aug. 27 with the intentions of making the best of the school year. We were determined to show everyone we were **OPEN FOR BUSINESS.**

And business we conducted as usual, although there were times it seemed easier to call it quits then to try and hang in there. But hang in there we did! We made the most of the days we spent here and decided that instead of complaining about things, which accomplishes nothing, we would make the most out of what we had. So we played our best even though most of our home games weren't at home. We put are all into everything we did, and at times had to put forth a little more effort, but through it all we remained: **OPEN FOR BUSINESS.**

### ***SPLISH, SPLASH***

With amazing accuracy, Jenny Metcalf, senior, spears an apple during the turkey trot olympics. spirit points were awarded to the class with the most students attending. (Perisho photo)

### ***GO TURKEYS, GO!***

Doing the wheelbarrel walk, Rob Sell and Dallas Weills, juniors, proudly race on the Harrison Jr. High gym floor. A new activity, the turkey trot dance and olympics took place as a spirit point activity. (Perisho photo)



*Student life...*  
**After Hours**



## Who can cram homework, club activities, and entertainment into 8 hours a day? Not many...

As the year progressed, along with it came many opportunities to show how much spirit and support we have for our school. It took real dedication to follow our sport teams to different schools every week. The fact that the homecoming game was played on ANDREAN'S FIELD DIDN'T discourage our fans at all. The bleachers were packed and we were determined to show our teams that we would support them no matter where they were.

There were many activities held throughout the year to try to make the year fun inspite of the construction. There were dances to attend and, as always, there were plenty of **AFTER HOURS ACTIVITIES**. In order to make the year a true success, it took a lot of **AFTER HOURS WORK**. Practice and a lot of time spent after school was seen throughout the year. The athletes had to put in many hours of practice and time traveling to different locations to find a place where they could practice. Cheerleaders and poms had to spend hours making their routines perfect, and the academic clubs spent hours every night preparing for their meets.

And, of course, these activities were in addition to the three hours of homework students had every night. Teachers also spent hours preparing their lessons for the next week.

All in all, as in any business, there were plenty of **AFTER HOURS** activities going on to keep the student body busy, and to make the school year great despite the constuction.

### *BOO!*

Bob Orelup, Kristi Myer, Leo Doumanian, Mia Panas, Hope Simpson, Rick Sikanonovski, and Meg Gorman received spirit points for the seniors for dressing up. (Perisho photo)

### *STRIKE UP THE BAND*

During half-time festivities, Melissa Zolodz, senior, takes charge of the band to entertain the crowd. The MHS band competed in many different contests and finished well overall.





## The search for something to do continues

**THANK GOODNESS IT'S FRIDAY** is a familiar phrase that can be heard throughout the halls of MHS, but what do the students actually do on their weekends?

The weekend is a time for rest for a lot of people; a time for them to forget about school and responsibilities and to just relax.

"Weekends are usually the only time I can catch up on the many hours of sleep I have to sacrifice during the week," said Michelle Malocha, junior.

Tami Borman, junior, said, "I usually sleep, but most of the time I hang out with my goofy friends."

Weekends also seem to cause students to confuse their days with their nights. For some rea-

son there seems to be more going on at night than during the day, which causes a person to stay out later and sleep in longer.

"I may come home late at night, but the next day I will sleep until about noon or so," said Mike Valenti, junior.

Amber Pusateri, junior, said, "I usually go out with my friends at night and sleep during the day."

Catching up on sleep is not the only thing that students do during their weekends. A lot of students have to work for most of their weekend, but despite this fact, they seem to find some time for fun. "I work all day at the great library then go out with my friends and scare people on the

highways," said Melissa Good, senior.

"I usually have to work every weekend, so I'm too tired to do anything else. But if there is something exciting going on, I will do it," said Tania Mc Donald, junior.

Other students just like to spend their weekends hanging out with their friends.

Kassy Mc Connell, junior, said, "I hang out with my friends and watch Grease, the best movie on this earth."

"I usually hang out at Stardust with my friends after work," said Eric Welzien, senior. There seems to be a common place for people to meet. This place is Denny's.

"If there's nothing else to do, or

I've left whatever I was doing before, I usually will wind up at Denny's for the rest of the night," said Mike Valenti, junior.

Other students take their studies so seriously that all they do is study during their weekend. "I study all day and night and once in a while I find time for something to eat but then back to studying," said Tom Tsagris, senior.

If nothing else, weekends give most students a break from their normal routine and time to just relax and have fun. So, no matter what students do on their weekend, most of them are just grateful they have a break from school for a few days. • Erin O'Deen & Michelle Clark



### JUNKFOOD JUNKIE

Snacking before the movie, Kristi Meyer, senior stops by the snack vendor for some movie munchies. Since the opening of the new movie theater, Loew's, students have found a new place to go for entertainment. (Moke photo)

### MESSY

Enjoying a delicious Seafood-n-Crab sub, Cathy Bettin, senior, breaks for dinner. Subway is a popular fast food restaurant where many MHS students go for a quick bite to eat. (Moke photo)





**M** *My weekends always give me interesting things to talk about so Mondays aren't as Spinks, junior*

Collie,



# **CRACK!**

Eyeing up the ball, Scott Lynn, senior, racks up some shots playing pool at Stardust. On the weekends many MHS students find ways to pass the time, either bowling, shopping or just hanging out in Merrillville. (Moke photo)

# HOMECOMING

## Home away from home does not destroy spirit

Construction caused many unusual changes at Merrillville High School. Classrooms were shifted and passing time was lengthened. But, who ever thought the homecoming and powderpuff games would be held away from "home?"

That was a common question asked by hundreds of students, alumni, and football players prior to the homecoming game that was held at Andean.

"I felt awkward going to a homecoming game that wasn't at MHS," said Colette Williams, MHS graduate. "Especially since Andean has always been a cross-town rival."

Admired speculation, Merrillville

fans literally packed the bleachers of the Andean High school football stadium. Everyone cheered when the announcer boomed over the loud speaker, "Welcome to the temporary home of the Merrillville Pirates!" The game and the road to victory had begun.

"A football field's a football field," said Kristi Meyer, senior. "As long as there are fans to support the team, there should be no difference."

There was no difference. The Pirates shut-out the Portage Indians for a 20-0 Duneland Conference victory.

"It was like playing at Merrillville," said Greg Thiros,

junior. "Coach treated it like any other game. He didn't even mention the fact we were playing on someone's else's field."

At the end of the game, Pirate fans left happy, assured that geography was not a factor when it came to victory.

"It doesn't matter where we play," said Conrad Villanueva, senior. "We'll always win!"

Another strange happening came about when the powder puff teams took the field.

When most people think of powder puff they think of a simple game of tag football, fun and easy. But for the MHS girls who play, it is a game that must be won.

The first game ended with a

victory over the sophomores by the juniors. Then came the second game, the juniors against the seniors.

"In the second game, I knew the seniors would play a lot tougher than last year, so there was pressure to make sure the offense did well," said Jenny Hemminger, quarterback for the junior team. But, apparently, the seniors had other ideas.

"Our main goal was to prevent the juniors from scoring, and we did that," commented Chrissy Lisch, senior. Neither team scored, leaving the game in a 0-0 tie when the referees cut the game short due to rain. •Heather Mote and Beth Anaclerio



### LET'S GO PIRATES!

The homecoming game brought out a lot of enthusiasm from all of the school. Here the cheerleaders cheer on the football players just before the game.

### GO JAMEL!

Jamel Williams, junior, slips by a Portage defender. Merrillville defeated Portage in the homecoming game, which was played at Andean High School.



### HUT, HUT, HIKE!!!

Jenny Hemminger, junior quarterback, practiced at Pierce under the coaching of Tim Barnes. (Kissinger photo)







*"Home-coming was a good game.*

*I was so happy to be a part of it."*

Sean  
Spinks,  
junior



***NO PAIN, NO GAIN!***

Brian Smiley, junior, kneels down at the sidelines waiting to make his play in the game. MHS' season was undefeated. (Perisho photo)

# HOMECOMING

## Home away from home does not destroy spirit

Parades, pep rallies, and games are just some of the festivities that take place during homecoming week.

"I think many more students seem to participate in dressing up this year than last year. It's good because it shows school spirit and it pays off in the end with a free day," said Mike Valenti, junior.

One very unusual dress up day was Construction Worker Day. One student even wore a sign around his neck stating that he was on strike.

"I borrowed work boots, flannels and ripped up jeans from my step dad," said Jenny McDermott, junior.

Throughout the week, the pom

pon girls decorated the football player's lockers and baked them food.

"One night I decided to make cookies for my football player. I forgot to take them out of the oven so I burnt them. I had to run in the morning to buy doughnuts. I spent about \$30 for the whole week on both of my football players," said Marcy Sopko, senior.

The football team appreciated the generous offerings from the pom pons.

"It made me feel that the fans were backing us," said Adam Shapley, senior.

Besides the usual school related festivities, there was an extra bit

of excitement that occurred at night. The cheerleaders decided to show their spirit in this way.

"The first night we went to T.P. Marcellus Davis, senior. A full roll of toilet paper landed on top of the garage. We didn't want to leave it there so I put Jennifer Jagiela, senior, in a shoulder stand so she could reach it. I started to laugh and I fell, but Jennifer was still up there hanging from Marcellus' gutter," said Dawn Terek, senior.

Floot building for some could get a little dangerous. "We had to re-floor our flatbed for the SADD floot because Mrs. Praschek, sponsor, fell through the wood while we were working," said

Beth Christy, senior.

Jodi Campbell, senior, was crowned queen and the juniors were announced winners of the week long spirit competition.

Student Government prepared for the dance a month in advance. But, didn't realize it would take 22 hours to build it.

"When I saw how long it would take to assemble the scenery, I almost had a heart attack because I knew we could never finish it. The Building Trades students built some of the scenery, but we sent the rest back," said Dragan Illievski, senior.

"This will be one homecoming that I will always remember," said Bell. •Kim Naspinski



### SMILE PRETTY!

The homecoming candidates pose with the queen, Jodi Campbell, senior, at halftime. The other candidates were Mia Basile, Cynthia Otano, Jodi Campbell, Kim Wahlman, Amy Frink, and Jennifer Jagiela, seniors.



### KNOCK YOU OUT!

Playing out the part of Pirates "Knocking out the Indians" Jack Lashenik, Tom Tsagris and David Centanni, seniors, ride in the senior homecoming float. Much time and effort was put into decorating floats and school hallways. (Bartley photo)

### TEAM WORK

Preparing their float for the Homecoming Parade, the German Club fastens the T.P. securely to the first prize float. (Bartley photo)





**A**lthough MHS has undergone many changes, the students still found it possible to keep the spirit of Homecoming."

Sarah Bernstein,  
junior



*HIP, HIP, HOORAY!*

Cheering on the MHS football team to a victory at the Homecoming game against Portage, the crowd goes wild. The Pirates shut out the Indians 20-0. (Perisho photo)

# PLAYING AROUND

## Actors must improvise without home stage

"Will I remember my lines? Am I going to trip and fall, or will everything be all right?"

Opening night jitters are always the major concern of many MHS fall play cast members.

"I was so nervous that I even attempted to sneak out, but I'm glad I didn't," said Jenny Verbik, junior.

Since *A Comedy, A Tragedy, and Something in Between* was Verbik's first performance, she was extra nervous. Most students just hope that if they mess up a line no one notices.

"I didn't forget any of my lines because I only had five," said Trey Tristain, junior, "but my voice cracked while on stage."

Laura Filan, sophomore, said, "I couldn't tell that anyone messed up. They must be good actors to cover up their mistakes."

Normally, the actors have to worry about memorizing the lines, staying in character, and remembering their cues.

This year was different; they also had to worry about where they were going to hold the play.

"Originally we wondered if there were even going to be a fall play since there was no place to have it, but two places were found in the area with stages, Iddings and the Crown Point Courthouse," said Kelly Johnson, junior.

Mark Owens, director and social

studies teacher, had to go to the administration to approve either site. He was told that although the courthouse was a better site it was going to cost too much.

"We had to deal with what they gave us," said Owens. "We couldn't even rehearse at Iddings until dress rehearsal; we had to practice at Pierce in the lecture hall."

Without a place to practice and perform the group still persevered. Due to the unusual conditions and having to work with the same people everyday cast members become very close.

"We became a family. Jenny was like a mom to us," said Tristain.

"I enjoyed the people the most.

Everyone got along well and supported each other," said Verbik. "What was really great was the audience's support. They really got into the show," said Verbik.

"It is important for the cast to know that the audience and other cast members support and believe in them," said Alderman.

Considering the circumstances many students and faculty members came and showed their support for the cast.

"We had a wonderful cast who performed tremendously under the conditions they were put under and a great audience who was a great support to the cast," said Owens. •Kim Richardson



**WRONG NUMBER**  
Chris Pustelnik, senior, and Alen Moody, junior, perform "Sorry Wrong Number" in the fall play. (Perisho photo)



**RING! RING!**  
Answering the phone, Allen Moody, junior, stands in disguise. The skit kept the audience in suspense with the plot of the murder. (Perisho photo)

**DON'T TELL ME!**  
Playing up a bad attitude, Marija Maric, senior, really lets the person have it. Maric has been in many performances.







*"Not only  
was the  
play  
interesting;  
it was  
suspenseful.  
I really  
thought  
they were  
going to kill  
Marija  
(Maric)."*

**Jesse Stoner,  
junior**



**SWINDLED AGAIN!**

During *The Three Queens*, Melanie Stefanavich, senior, the eldest of the three "Queens" reads a letter from the con-artist. The fall play consisted of three one-act plays. (Perisho photo)

# SLOW DANCING

## The thoughts churning through couples' minds

Lights are low, the music is soft and gentle, couples are swaying in rhythm with each others' bodies. Slow dancing gives people a chance to be together without the rest of the world interrupting.

First, slow dancing has to be defined. It is summed up best by Jack Lashenik, senior, "I rub my partners soft body until my hands become numb, as I just ease with the beat."

The process begins with a question of asking. Body language seems to be a popular method.

Jake Cseke, senior, said, "I like to use a little eye contact, a little body language and a little wave. I like to use a little of all three."

Dan Byrnes, senior, uses a

unique method of getting a girl to dance with him. He says he just grabs her by the neck and then he swings her out on the dance floor. Then he gives her the dance of her life.

People think that guys are the only ones who use pick-up lines but girls use the one-liners, also. Kristina Phillips, junior, uses this line, "Hey hunk, it takes two to tango."

During a dance, many things take place. It may look like a couple is just dancing, but in reality, the wheels are churning with romantic thoughts.

"When I dance with a girl, I like to sing into her ear. I try to stay light on my feet and not embar-

ass myself," said Adam Byrom, junior.

In some instances, couples start to dislike each other more so than when they started dancing. "I hate when their hair gets in my face. They use so much hair spray that I can taste it," said Cseke.

Usually when a song plays over the speakers, the students start to walk off the floor.

John Vlahos, junior, is not one of those students. He says, "I dance with everybody I can."

Yet while some people are anxious to dance, others try to find excuses not to dance with a certain person.

When Byrnes doesn't want to dance, he casually allows a wad

of flem to trickle down the side of his mouth while grinning and saying, "I'd love to!"

Some people love to fast dance and some people love to slow dance. In a survey taken at MHS, the majority of the students preferred slow dancing over fast dancing.

Ken Bikoff, senior, sums up many of the feelings students have towards slow dancing in general. "Slow dancing is the most romantic form. When dancing, holding each other and being together, you can block out the world and forget your problems as long as the music is still playing."

• Scott McNab & Sharon Nawrocki



### DANCE FEVER

MHS students' feel the music while dancing at the Valentine's Dance this year. Many students consider this dance extremely important.

### SNUGGLING UP

Bobbi Cunningham, junior, and Grant Miller, junior, enjoy each others company at the Valentine's Dance, Love of a Lifetime. The dance was held at Harrison Jr. High and sponsored by the Sunshine Society. (Moke photo)





*"Slow dancing is a good way to show the affections for the person you are with."*

**Jennifer Major,  
junior**



**GETTING ROMANTIC**

Vicki Bettin, sophomore, and Roger Foster, senior, get a little closer at the Valentine's Day Dance. Slow dancing brought on a special romance between many of the couples during Valentine's Day. (Moke photo)

# HE SAID

## How about Burger King?

The perfect girl, the perfect pickup line, a nice place to eat, something to do, and whether or not his date will have fun are just some of the things a guy has to worry about before he goes on a date with that special girl.

Even after all the planning is done and the guy thinks that he has prepared for any problems that could occur on a date, there is always that one incident that could ruin the whole night.

"One thing that could really ruin a night would be if I saw an old girlfriend at the same place we were and my date caught us in the back room messing around. Even worse than that would be if they started to fight and beat each other bloody. The reason that would be so bad is because then I wouldn't have anyone good looking to be with that night," said Tim Schafer, junior.

When something like this happens it is often enough to keep a guy away from dating for a long time. The thought of hearing those terrible words from a girl that let the guy know that the last thing she wants to do is go out with him may also be enough to scare him away from dating.

"The worst I've ever been turned down is when she told me that a monkey has less hair on his body than you do," said John Skrundz, junior.

If all goes right and the girl of

his dreams accepts his invitation then the next problem which must be dealt with is where to go. Where to go and what to do are two major concerns when it comes to dating.

"I usually try to ask a girl out on the same night of a party, therefore, we always have somewhere to go. If for some reason the party gets canceled and there is nothing else to do then I like to take my date to the movies and then go out for a romantic dinner at Burger King and if she's lucky, I'll even let her pay," said Jamel Williams, junior.

Some people prefer to take another route when it comes to taking a girl out on a date. While some guys like to go to area places on a date, others think that a nice date includes going to places not often visited.

"If I've been with a girl for a while or really want to impress her, then I usually like to go up to Chicago for the night. The reason I like to do that is because there are so many different things to do and so many different places to go. Also, no matter how boring my date is I'll always have fun," said Scott Hendrickson, junior.

After all the preparation is done and the date is over, the one thing most guys like to hear is that the girl had a nice time and enjoyed his company for that night.

•Zac Wells

### DATING AROUND

Although Ryan Harrington, junior, and Lisa Moke, sophomore, attended the Valentine Dance together, they are not in a relationship. Many students enjoy dating around rather than getting serious.





# SHE SAID

## Did you say roses?..

"I have nothing to wear and my hair won't go!"

This is frequently heard when a girl is getting ready for a big date. "It usually takes me about 45 minutes to an hour to get ready for a date. I usually wear jeans and a shirt on dates," said Sharon Reithel, senior.

Many girls will go to the extent of buying a new outfit for a date.

"Sometimes I will go buy a new outfit. I would probably spend about \$40 for something new," said Jennifer Seamples, senior.

Although girls usually go to parties or the movies on dates, they usually have an idea of the perfect, fantasy date.

"My ideal date is a romantic walk on the beach," said Veronica Anaya, senior.

Once on the date, it is the question of who should make the first move.

"I think the guy should make the first move," said Jennifer Guzik, senior.

But, at times, one doesn't want a date to make any moves at all.

"If he tries to kiss me and I don't want him to, I'll just push him

away from me," said Seamples.

Some dates might not be what the girl had expected.

"If I'm having a bad time, I try to make it look like I am having a good time and just deal with the date," said Kristen Mitch, senior.

On the other hand, some guys do special things for their dates.

"My date bought me roses and a chocolate mousse pie. I was very surprised when he bought me the pie," said Anaya.

Many girls expect their dates to dress and act a certain way.

"I expect my date to be dressed nice and clean. Also, I expect him to know how to bring up conversation and keep one going, so I don't have to dig for things to say," said Guzik.

This isn't the 50s. Nowadays, some girls will even ask a guy out on a date.

"This is the 90s. I would ask a guy out if I really liked him," said Beth Minninger, sophomore.

"...I had a really good time."

Whether the girl really means this or not, this is often heard at the end of a date. •Kim Naspinski



### TRUE LOVE

Tammy Page and Tim Hutfilz, seniors, find happiness in each other. Many couples opt for the companionship of a long-term relationship rather than just dating around.

### ROMANCE

Brian Smith and Emily Frizzell, sophomores, stare into each other's eyes while slow dancing. Smith and Frizzell are in a long-term relationship and are rarely seen apart from each other.

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*"Having a  
job while in  
school  
teaches you  
responsibility  
and gives  
the  
spending  
money that  
most  
teenagers  
need."*

**Shannon  
Goodson,  
senior**



#### **ALMOST DONE**

Thinking about the rest of her day, Annette Spiro washes the dishes at Pizza Hut. Many Special Education students worked as part of a co-op program. (Bartley photo)



# WORKING

## Students take on responsibility in search of money

"Can you go out tonight?"

"No, gotta work, again."

Work, work, work.

All work and no play.

Over 75 percent of all teenagers across America hold jobs during the school year.

There's a wide range of reasons why students work. However, most agree they work to spend money on themselves.

"I spend my money on personal things. I don't have to, but I sometimes buy my own clothes," said Ken Bikoff, senior.

Some aren't so lucky. Some students have to pay for anything and everything.

"It wasn't my choice to get a job. My parents told me I had to go out and get a job. I have to buy everything I want. I pay for car insurance and gas myself," said

an expressive Rikki Dubbert, senior.

Sean Spinks, junior, adds, "I usually don't spend my whole paycheck. Most of the time I just put my money in the bank. I don't spend money to just spend it. It's a matter of balancing what I need and what I want."

Sometimes a particular item is in the mind of the student. The more the student works the more money he will have. The more money he has, the sooner that long awaited item can be bought. It becomes an obsession.

Over the years, minimum wage has increased considerably. Yet, many still feel they are not getting paid for the amount of work they do. Many employers also feel their bosses don't keep up with the cost of living.

Dan Byrnes, senior, said "I work at McDonalds. I flip burgers and have clean up duty once a month. It's a dirty job, but somebody's got to do it."

But when does the time for school work fit in?

Bob Albers, senior, said, "I quit my job because I saw my grades slowly going down. Anyway, I wanted to enjoy being a senior."

Most seniors go through their senior year only once. So, most work places are glad to work around their student employee's schedule.

Bikoff, who works at Dairy Queen, said, "My boss is fairly flexible. He pretty much works around my schedule."

Dubbert, a McDonald's employee agrees, "My manager is pretty cool. I work only three

nights a week. If I have homework that I couldn't do the night before, I can always do it in study hall first hour."

Save, save, save. What are we saving for?

Byrnes states, "I put the majority of my pay check into parts for my 1974 beetle."

Some students also save for that rainy day. Others save because they simply don't have any expenses.

"College is expensive. I save some of my money for the expenses that may come up in the days ahead," said David Centanni, senior.

All work and no play.

That's a lie!

All work, plenty of money to have loads of fun with.

• Jennifer Pasko



### JUST A MOMENT

Ring up another sale, Veronica Anaya, senior, waits on another customer. Many students worked to get extra spending money, (Bartley photo)

# JAMMIN'

## Amateur bands let good times roll

The annual MHS "Revue" is one of the most looked forward to events of the school year. Many talented students take to the stage performing everything from dance routines to shortskits. Rock bands that made up of students are probably one of the most popular acts. While the audience screams and yells their approval, these bands play up a storm. But, what's the real story behind the interest and talent of these band members?

Roger Foster, senior and drummer for the group Social Deception, discovered his interest in music when he was very young.

"I became interested in music at an early age when I heard my dad playing some old Beatles records," said Foster. "From then on, I always wanted to learn how to play drums. I didn't get my first drum set until I was in seventh grade though."

Although Foster played drums for both the junior high and high school bands, he had never played with a band outside of school until his sophomore year.

"Social Deception" formed about a week before "Revue '90," explained Foster. "John Pruzin, a 1991 MHS graduate, called me and asked if I would like to play drums."

Besides playing in "Revue '90, '91, and '92," Social Deception played at a few open houses. Also, they participated in the "Battle of

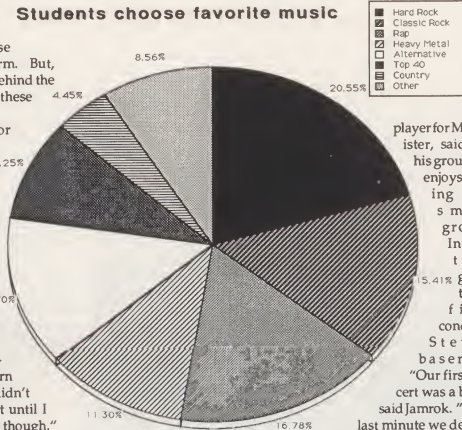
the Bands," a contest held at Hobart High School. A lot of practice was needed in order to perform at all these places.

Foster said, "We try to practice twice every two weeks. Conflicting schedules hinder our practice time. But every time we do get

"Our first 'show' was something I'll never forget," said Santiago. "We played for a small crowd and just tried to have as much fun as possible. We kinda goofed up, but we played it off. All in all, we did all right."

Steve Jamrok, senior and bass

Students choose favorite music



player for Mr. Sinister, said that his group also enjoys playing for small groups. In fact, they gave their first concert in Steve's basement. "Our first concert was a blast," said Jamrok. "At the last minute we decided to do the song 'Wild Thing'.

Dan 'Neptune' Byrnes (vocalist) started out O.K., but unfortunately started to forget the words half-way through the song. He improvised with a little strip-tease act."

All members of Mr. Sinister, Secret Squirrel, and Social Deception stressed that their "band memories" will live far beyond the end of high school. And who knows, maybe someday we will see their names in lights! • Beth Anaclerio







#### *STRUM...*

A member of the band, Recoil, Chris Bronowski, junior, takes time out to practice on his acoustic guitar for a concert at St. Andrews Hall. (Perisho photo)

#### *TAKE A BOW*

After the first ever Battle of the Bands, Roger Foster, senior, raises his arms after his band, Social Deception, captured second place. Social Deception was the only band from Merrillville to place. Battle of the Bands took place at Hobart High School on Friday, March 13. (Perisho photo)

#### *'BOOM, BOOM, BOOM!'*

Playing the drums isn't as easy as it looks! Greg Puaseczny, senior and drummer for Recoil, puts a touch of simplicity to the talent. (Perisho photo)

# HOMECOMING

## Winning season sparks festivities, fan support

"Pirates Gonna Knock You Out" and that's exactly what we did. The team worked hard and came out with a victory.

The fan support at the game was wonderful. Students were packed in the new gym eager to cheer their team to a victory, and that is exactly what they did.

Jennifer Carr, senior, stated, "The excitement in the air was so great I don't know how anyone could sit still."

As it was there were very few people sitting still. Most of them were screaming and encouraging their team out to victory.

As tradition goes there was also the need for a homecoming court.

This year the nominees were: Seniors: Jennifer Jagiela, Amy Frink, and Mia Basile; juniors: Erin Jones, Jennifer Beck, and Hope Jusko; sophomores: Lisa Moke, Angie Byron, and Wendy Adams.

The air was filled with excitement when the names of the winners were announced. They were Senior: Amy Frink, Junior: Jennifer Beck, Sophomore: Angie Byron.

Jennifer Beck, junior, stated, "It was such an honor just being nominated, that I could hardly

believe it when they named me Homecoming queen for my class. It was an experience I will never forget."

This year there were four entries in the float competition. They were juniors, SADD/Quest, Student Government and the seniors. The winner was the Junior float. All the floats had to carry out the theme for this year.

There were many different ways in which to do this. The float which was the most creative, innovative and which carried the theme the best won.

"We put a lot of time and effort

into the float. We try to get the theme across while adding some school spirit to the float. Unfortunately our float didn't win but it was a lot of fun making it," said Lynn Prashchak, SADD/Quest sponsor.

The SADD float had a devil buried under a pile of stones with a pirate's hat on top. Their message was we will rock you but don't get stoned. The homecoming this year was very productive and overall a big success. Our team gave us the victory that we wanted and we had fun watching them do it. •Michelle Clark



### DON'T MOVE!

Dena Roy, junior, sits patiently while getting her face painted by the cheerleaders. Many Pirate fans went to extremes with their spirit this year. (Moke photo)

### THE WINNER IS ...

Smiling proudly, Amy Frink, senior, is escorted by Ken Bikoff, senior. Frink was voted Basketball Homecoming Queen by the senior class. (Moke photo)





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*Never in  
my life have  
I seen such  
ugly legs as  
Dan*

*Navarro's!*  
Tracey Eckels,  
senior



**LET'S GO, PIRATES!**

All fired up to root on the Pirates, Larry Schiefer, junior, cheers along with the crowd. Fans have fun watching their home team play in their newly renovated gymnasium.

*"I went  
because a  
lot of my  
friends  
were in it  
and I  
wanted to  
see them  
perform  
their  
musical  
talents,"*

Dan O'Brien,  
senior





## MHS reviews, applauds varied talents

Revue. What's a REVUE?

Well, at MHS it is a tradition that students get a chance to perform in the annual Revue. Many students participate, acting out their own unique talents. These range from skits, playing instruments, singing, dancing, or just being a part of the show in whatever way they can.

A lot of hard work and dedication goes into making the Revue a success each year, but this year required a little more effort. Usually the Revue is performed at MHS but due to the construction, practices were held at Pierce Jr. High and the actual performance was held at Iddings Elementary School.

It was not known to many students if a Revue would take place. Everything this year had to be

rooted up and held somewhere else, and no one knew if there would be a place able to accommodate the revue.

For a while, there was much speculation that Revue '92 just would not happen.

However, the administration found the site, and the work continued. The Revue each year is a wide variety of talents. Many times the audience is surprised by what they see.

"It wasn't what I expected," said Ken Bikoff, senior. "The audience's participation made it more fun."

The Revue is a chance for some new upcoming performers to try out their skill. This year bands, poets, dancers, singers, rappers, and comedians all got their chance to try out their material on

MHS students, faculty, and parents.

"The first night was better than the second night," quoted Michelle Marias, senior. There were technical difficulties and the bands were hard to hear.

The two bands that performed were Social Deception and the Magic Tones. These bands brought in a lot of excitement.

"Even though there were technical difficulties and the location was different, the revue had a good turn out," said Roger Foster, senior.

Foster is the drummer for Social Deception. This band has participated in the Revue for the past three years.

So, now you know what a "Revue" is, and how much fun that they can be. •Heather Mote



### YEAH, YEAH, YEAH!

Singing his heart out, George Vasilopolous, junior, performs with his band, the Magic Tones, at the Revue. The Magic Tones were one of many acts that performed at the annual revue. (Kissenger photo)

### IT'S PAT!

Melanie Stefanovich and Marija Maric, seniors performed a skit from Saturday Night Live for the Revue. Stefanovich is playing the popular character "Pat" while Maric's character is trying to figure out if Pat is male or female. (Kissenger photo)

# SPRING BREAK

## Students look forward to fun, sun, and no parents

Spring Break: time for fun, sun, tans, beaches ...a time to be away from parents. Everyone seemed to agree that being away from parents during Spring Break is the only way to go.

"I had an awesome time over Spring Break. It was great because I had no parents to tell me what I can and cannot do! I did whatever I wanted to do all week long," said Jenny Seamples, senior.

Seamples flew out of Indianapolis to Daytona Beach, Florida with five of her friends, and they unintentionally ran into eight guys in their senior class.

One of the five guys, Danny O'Brien, senior, also agreed that being among friends was a lot of

fun.

"The most enjoyable moment of Spring Break was being on my own and being among friends," said O'Brien.

Others traveled further south to places like Acapulco, Mexico. Seniors, Cathy Torres, Kim Wahlman, Mia Basile, and Cynthia Otano flew to Acapulco.

"On an ordinary day in Acapulco, we woke up around 11 a.m. to go lie by the pool and sip non-alcoholic tropical drinks until 3:30p.m. Then, we would take catnaps in our 'hot as a tamale' hotel room. We would go out around 11:30p.m., not planning to return for hours," said Torres.

Torres also mentioned that

every day in Acapulco was very special to her.

"I did not have a most memorable moment of our trip because every day was memorable. While spending every day with my best friends, we did a lot of crazy things together that I'll never forget," said Torres.

While some decided to remain on land for the majority of their trip, others opted for water.

Seniors, Bob Orleup, Bernie Orleup, Jake Cseke, and Roger Foster, spent five days and four nights on a Carnival cruise known as Fantasia. The boys engaged in such activities as snorkeling, disco dancing, and gambling.

"Jake and I gambled in the casino all the time. Also, there was a lavish amount and tremendous assortment of delicious food," said Bob Orleup.

Bob also explained that the disco dancing on the cruise was something they will never forget.

"My most memorable moment was when all of us danced and partied in the Electricity Disco on the last night of the cruise from 11:30p.m. to 4:00 in the morning," said Orleup.

While some traveled on land and others preferred water for their Spring Break vacation, all agreed that their trip brought fun memories to cherish for a lifetime.

• Jill Seaplinski



### OLE!

Playing a popular Spanish tune, seniors Kathy Torres, Cynthia Otano, Kim Wahlman, and Mia Basile, practice with a band in Acapulco, Mexico. The girls enjoyed such activities as singing and dancing while on their Spring Break trip. (Photo compliments of Mia Basile)

### ARE WE THERE YET?

While waiting for their plane in Indianapolis, Jodi Campbell, Draga Ilievski, Heidi Stewart, Danielle Collins, Jennifer Seamples, and Kristen Mitch, seniors, take a quick break. The girls spent their Spring Break in Daytona Beach, Florida. (photo compliments of Draga Ilievski)





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*"Being in Acapulco was the best experience of my life. I was able to experience new things, and most of all, I got to spend memorable times with my close friends."*

**C y n t h i a**  
 Otano, senior



**SPRING BREAK OR BUST!**  
 Wanting to escape for a vacation, Jennifer Henderson, senior, tries to hide with the luggage and accompany her friends to Florida. Henderson was one of many students who stayed in Merrillville for Spring Break. (Samples photo)

*"Sure, I  
was really  
tired at the  
end of the  
night. But  
I had fun.  
I was  
surprised to  
see so many  
people  
involved."*

Jennifer  
Harms, senior



*HOW LOW CAN YOU GO?*

At the lock-in, Chris Radcliffe, senior, shows his ability to limbo. Many of the seniors at the lock-in tried to see just how low they could go. (Thom Moffitt photo)





# Seniors take over the school and the games begin

Who ever heard of 200 high school seniors going back to school and staying all night?

Each spring, as seniors start to battle the fight with senioritis, the school sponsors the Senior Lock-In. And this year was no exception. In fact, this year was one of the best turnouts in several years. It is a chance for the senior class to come together one last time before Commencement and have some fun.

The students entered an empty MHS between 11:00p.m. and 12:30a.m. and remained locked

up until 6:00 in the morning. This year the class of 1992 came together to eat, dance, swim, play volleyball, and participate in relay races, not to mention enjoy each other's company.

"I'm glad I went because I had a lot of fun with friends I don't usually see anymore," explained Angie Luney, senior.

In the weeks before the lock-in, students organized teams for the Olympic competition. The teams consisted of six to eight people. Each team was required to have at least three girls on it. Ap-

proximately ten teams were involved.

The Olympic competition consisted of relay races, and games. Each winning team was given points, and at the end of the night, the team with the most points won prizes. Some other events, such as the famous Twinkie eating contest, were for individuals.

The teams that finished in the top three positions won prizes such as gift certificates to the movies, school T-shirts, or MHS water bottles.

As the students cheered on their

own favorite team, Bev Bashia, assistant principal, presented the awards.

Bashia conveyed her enthusiasm by saying "It (the lock-in) was a great turn out."

As the half-asleep seniors walked out to their cars the next morning, only to find that they had to scrape frost off their windows, they all seemed to agree that it was worth it.

"It was an experience I'll remember for the rest of my life," said Jennifer Guzik, senior.

• Heather Mote



## YUMMM!!

As their friends cheer them on, Justin Miller, Marcel Mantiero and Eric Lindborg, seniors, stuff Twinkies down their throats. The Twinkie eating contest, consisting of eating five Twinkies as quickly as possible, is one of the traditional events at the lock-in. (Moffitt photo)

## IT'S ALMOST OVER!

Relaxing after an exhausting night at the lock-in, Christy Short, Michelle Marias, Derek Sheppard, Brian Mitchell and Dan O'Brien, seniors, take a short break. Even though they had a good time, by the end of the night, everyone was ready to go home. (Moffitt photo)

# Our Town opens in newly renovated auditorium



## DRAMATIC GESTURES

Kneeling by the grave of his lost wife Emily, played by Dina Weis, sophomore, George, acted out by Mike Henninger, senior, pays his last respects. (Perisho photo)

## PLAYING THE PART

Pondering his thoughts, Ryan Sieberling, sophomore, performs with much grace at the spring play, *OutTown*. The performance was well attended because it was a spirit point event. (Perisho photo)





**H**aving  
 been active  
 in plays and  
 musicals  
 when I was  
 in high  
 school, I  
 can  
 appreciate  
 the hard  
 work and  
 hours these  
 students  
 put in."

**Beth Colson,**  
 English teacher



#### *IN THE ACT*

Being a traditional big brother, Mike Henninger, senior, portrays George Gibbs from the play *Our Town*. Rebekah Pullman, freshman, tells of dreams and aspirations. (Perisho photo)

# PROM '92

## Memories, relationships bloom, crowns disappear

Nervous anticipation, sweaty palms, hearts beating vigorously, he's here!

"When my date arrived I was half ready. I had to rush around to keep my date from waiting," said Erin O' Deen, junior.

Prom does not necessarily ring the bell of only boyfriend/girlfriend relationships but for those who are just close friends. Many people do feel that it is for relationships. Only this year students broke that tradition.

"If you both know you are going just as friends then it is all right. But if the person likes you and you have no intentions of going out with him or her, it could be uncomfortable," said Kim Wahlman, senior.

"I had a really good time at prom, even though I went just as friends. There was no difference to me. We had just as much fun if not more than some couples," said Kristen Nelson, senior.

On the other hand, many students who wanted to have a good time at prom had a turn for the worse.

"I didn't have as much fun as I wanted to. We spent the majority of our time arguing. Things did not go the way that I expected it to," said Shawn Ravenscroft, senior.

Prom is an experience that many students will remember 'Til the End of Time.' Whether or not people had fun at prom or whether it was a disaster, they will look back and laugh or cry at the situation.

"I will never forget prom '92 because my date, Maria Tyrikos, was crowned Prom Queen. I felt like the luckiest man in the whole school," said Mike Navarro, junior.

With a king, there always comes a queen.

"I felt honored that people voted for me for Prom King, even though

someone took my crown halfway through prom," said Dave Josefsky, junior.

"We were slow dancing and I saw the crown just sitting on a chair. I figured since he did not want it, I'd take it. The girl we doubled with carried it out under her dress. It was lodged between her thighs and she almost lost it in front of Dr. Rapacz," said Chris Contri, senior.

The Grand March is also an enjoyed tradition for prom. At this time, the parents come to admire their son or daughter looking their best.

"It was nice to see that parents were involved, but this is also a time that we wanted to be alone. Some people felt uncomfortable because their parents were there," said Tina Carniello, senior.

Prom festivities do not end at 12:00 a.m.

"After the dance we went to a comedy club in Chicago, called

The Funny Firm. It was cool because you did not have to be twenty-one to get in," said Mike Valenti, junior.

Some people went to Chicago while others decided to be a little different and stay around Merrillville.

"Instead of going to Chicago we decided to be a little different. We went miniature golfing at Celebration Station and had a blast," said Rob Perisho, senior.

"The next day we went to Turkey Run. I had never gone there before. We spent the day horseback riding and hiking in the mud," said Sandra Psaros, senior.

As the weekend comes to a close and people come home from their busy weekend many people find themselves relaxing at home in the comforts of their own bed, realizing that all the anxiety and rushing around is now all over wit—at least until graduation, that is. • Shelly Bartley

### SLOW DANCING

Embracing his woman, Wayne Lile, junior, gives Cindy Dwyer, senior, a romantic kiss while slow dancing. The theme this year was "Til the end of time."



### CONGRATULATIONS

The 1991 prom queen, Amy Frink, senior, places the crown on Maria Tyrikos, junior, the 1992 Prom Queen. Each year the juniors class elects a queen and a king to reign the over prom night.

### KING FOR A DAY

Accepting the crown with a smile, Dave Josefsky, junior, is crowned Prom King 1992.







*"Just relax  
with your  
date and  
don't feel  
uncomfortable,"*

**Milo  
Radoja, senior**



**TAKE IT OFF!**

Slipping the garters away from their dates, the MHS guys enjoy the traditions of prom. Brian Hernandez, prom date of Debbie Midgett, senior, waves his catch in the air.

# CELEBRATION

## Grads enjoy awards, meals, company

What does it take to be a MHS scholar?

Well, according to the Class of 1992, it comes down to a lot of studying, dedication and having supportive family, friends and teachers behind you.

Christine Hickok and Jessie Myszka are this year's co-valedictorians.

Myszka credits her parents as her prime role models, instilling good study habits at an early age. "It always starts in elementary school," said Myszka. "As soon as you come home, it's 'Do your homework.' That was always the first priority."

Kristen Johnston has been named the class salutatorian.

Hickok, Myszka, and Johnston received numerous honors, awards, and scholarships that were announced on May 6 at

Awards Night.

Awards night was not reserved for only the elite. Although seniors made up the majority of those receiving awards, many juniors and sophomores were also honored.

"I was really surprised to get invited. I thought awards were only given to seniors," said Manjula Sammuell, sophomore, who received her academic letter.

Awards ranged from certificates to trophies and plaques to prestigious scholarships.

"It truly was an honor as a senior to receive an award," said Kim Leavitt, senior who received the Presidential Academic Fitness Award.

Some 300 seniors were found in the cafeteria on the morning of May 22.

No, it wasn't a mad dash for

school food, but it was the annual Senior Breakfast. Seniors had to pay three dollars to eat and two bucks more if they wanted to purchase the senior magazine.

The breakfast consisted of eggs, bacon, toast, hashbrowns, danishes, fresh fruit, juice and milk.

"The breakfast was definitely nutritional. All four food groups were presented," said a somewhat sarcastic Patty Shores, senior.

This was a time for the class to be all together one last time before commencement.

"It was fun to see everyone before everyone goes their own way," said Darren Lengyel, senior. The breakfast was a time of laughter, a time of tears, and last but not least a time of everlasting memories of a senior's high school years. • Jenny Pasko



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Dr. Robert Schrenker, superintendent, hands a diploma to Rob Perisho. Perisho was photo editor for the newspaper and yearbook and plans a career in photojournalism. He won a scholastic art award on awards night. (Kissinger photo)

### VALEDICTORIAN

Co-Valedictorian Christine Hickok delivered her message to the class of '92. Hickok was also a National Merit Finalist. (Kissinger photo)

### VALEDICTORIAN

Valedictorian Jesse Myszka addresses her classmates during the graduation ceremony. Myszka received a scholarship from Gamma Alpha Xi, among several awards, on awards night. (Kissinger photo)





#### *CAPTIVE AUDIENCE*

Listening to the messages of each speaker, Vernon Adamson, Terry Agee, Mike Alamprese, and Robert Albers, soon to be MHS alumni, have time to let the reality set in. Their lives would change completely after this day. (Kissinger photo)

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*Not until I  
put my  
tassel on  
the right  
side did I  
realize it  
was true. I  
had finally  
graduated.*  
Draga Ilievski,  
graduate



#### *BEWARE*

Salutorian Kristen Johnson delivers a serious message about the dying world and urges her classmates to make a difference. Johnson won many awards including one from the Society of Women Engineers. (Kissinger photo)



# GRADUATION

## Grads plan parties, jobs, futures

"No more classes, no more books, no more teachers' dirty looks! Hooray! School's out!"

This is a common saying for kids who just got out of school. This is also a saying for MHS seniors. It is graduation time again and everybody is excited about leaving high school.

Seeing as this is the summer before they leave for college, they want to make it the best summer they've had. Andre Bankhead, senior, has his plans for this summer already planned.

Bankhead explained that he would "try to continue to get in school and be with my girlfriend."

Others don't have time for a fun summer.

"My plans for this summer include working outside with my dad on building houses, working on my normal job, going to the beach a lot, and hanging out with all my friends," said Roger Foster, senior.

And then again, others have plans for a unique, memorable summer.

"This summer I plan to get a job as a volunteer fireman so people will like me and maybe be lucky enough to take a cat out of a tree for a desperate old lady," said Val Cesljaren, senior.

As hard as it may seem, some seniors might just even miss high school.

"I think the thing I'm going to miss the most is the people. For three years (some of us more) we've been here. You get kind of used to seeing the same faces everyday," said Sheri Wood, senior.

Others aren't going to miss a thing.

"I'll miss seeing everyone all of the time but most of all I want to get on with my life and do everything I've wanted to do." said Derek Sheppard, senior. • Lynn Holley



### FRONT ROW SEATS

With tassels still on the left, Tony Barandela, Vicky Bard, Shelly Bartley and Chris Edgerton, soon to be alumni, wait in anticipation for the ceremony to begin. (Kissinger photo)

### FOR YOU, DAD

Meggan Lux received her diploma and a loving look from her father Tony Lux, assistant superintendent. Lux graduated in the top 10 percent of her class and also won the James T. Machacek Memorial Scholarship.





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*"Never  
again will I  
set foot  
inside the  
high school.  
I am out of  
here!"*

**Chris Pustelnik,  
graduate**

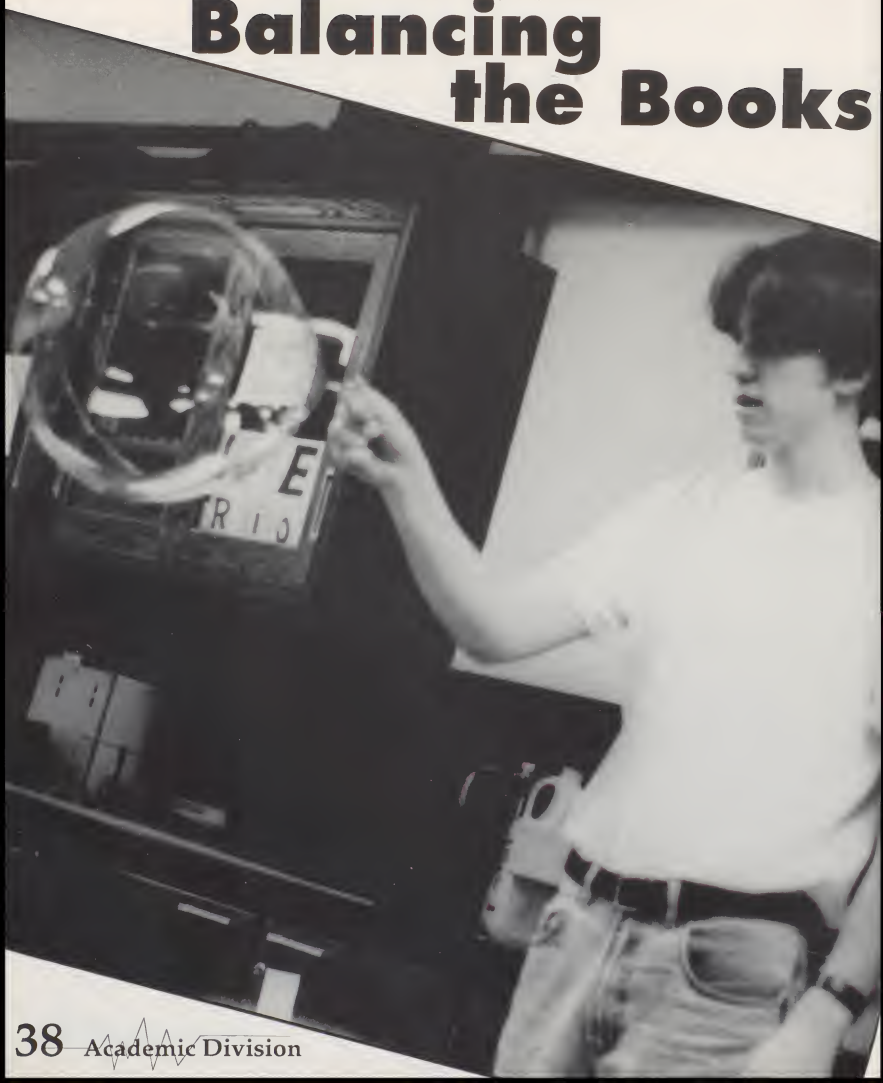


**VICTORY**

After much debate the rule stood:  
No throwing of mortar boards!  
However, the purple and white  
balloons sufficed and the  
celebration began. (Kissinger  
photo)



*Academics...*  
**Balancing  
the Books**



## Serious students must balance their diets with just the right amount of study, sleep and play...

Although rarely the favorite, the most important part of MHS is **ACADEMICS**. No matter how active the students were in extra-curricular activities, they knew their classes came first.

As the year progressed, they learned how to **BALANCE** their load. They knew that homework took time, but so did their jobs and other activities.

Of course that classwork sometimes suffered when special events temporarily overshadowed the importance of academics. But students quickly mastered the juggling act of **BALANCING THE BOOKS**.

### *FIZZ- IF IT KILLS US!*

#### *ICS*

Physics may not have a fun-and-games reputation, but Adrian Williams, senior, and Chuck Stapinski, junior, are caught playing bubbles--otherwise known as the film interference experiment. (Perisho photo)

When students in physics or any class aren't having fun playing games, they are hard at work trying to excell academically. Ever hear of frying your brain while studying too hard? Don't worry, Mr. Cool here is only a model belonging to Chris Joll, science teacher. (Perisho photo)



Yes, we'd rather be doing something else, but  
since it has to be done

# HOW DO YOU LIKE TO STUDY

My favorite way to study is on a Friday night, when you don't have to go to school the next day!--Mike Schouten, sophomore

My favorite way to study is in a quiet atmosphere.--Frank Rossman, sophomore

I study with the radio and T.V. on with something to eat and drink (it helps me concentrate).--Chris Rohder, sophomore

*'My favorite way to study is staying in a quiet room and study for 5 hours.'*

•CLAUDIA RODRIGUEZ

Listening to the radio while studying.--Cheryl Santos, sophomore

My favorite way to study is with my friends.--Becky Schreiber, sophomore

I like to listen to the radio while I study.--Manjula Samuel, sophomore

In my room with the radio on.--Joanne Samuel, sophomore.



**IN CLASS**  
Chuck Stapinski, Tom Thieling, John DuPlaga, Eric Smith and Heather Holland, juniors, take notes in Jim Edgcomb's A.P. U.S. History class. (Hepp photo)



**7 MINUTES**  
Melissa Puente, senior, and Buddy Wenger, junior round the corner ahead of the crowd during passing period. Due to the construction and crowded hallways, students had seven minutes to get to their next class. Still, there were tardies. (Kissing photo)

### *WORKING*

Scrubbing away at the dishes in the school cafeteria is, Walter Thorpe. Many of the special education students take part in helping to clean up around the school. (Hepp photo)



### *ON THE JOB*

Annette Spiro, junior, loads the dishwasher at Pizza Hut. She is one of several students employed in this community. (Hepp photo)





Community acceptance and student  
and teacher efforts bring about

# PAYMENT FOR LEARNING

Getting involved in the work force is common to many special education students whether the job is in the community or within the school.

Rosellen Kozel, a special education teacher, services all the students and searches for jobs to meet the needs of each student.

"I work with the students on assessing their skills and interests, and I try to match that with a job," said Kozel.

There are a few qualifications the special education student must meet before obtaining a job. The student must be a junior or senior in good academic standing and must have the desire to work.

After the student has been accepted for employment, he is designated a coach to train him on the job until he is confident enough to work without assistance.

"These students get a lot of support on their jobs such as from their coaches," said Kozel.

The students are assigned fairly easy tasks, and as their skills increase, their hours increase. As they master one task, they can move even further.

"Bagging groceries is easy," said Mike Wilson, senior.

*'It's fun  
working at  
Sizzler. I  
really like it.  
I get to meet a  
lot of new  
people  
everytime I  
work.'*

•HOWARD  
WILLIAMS

Wilson works at Jewel supermarket in Crown Point. Besides bagging groceries, he brings in carts, returns damaged items, and cleans up spills.

The amount of time a student works varies, but usually it is fifteen hours a week. The students work about two to five days a week, and some work weekends.

"It is nice to have a job and make money," says Annette Spiro, junior. Spiro washes dishes and cleans tables at the Pizza Hut in Merrillville.

"These jobs give the students an excellent sense of responsibility. We, as teachers can teach the students skills, but they can put these skills into action while on the job," said Barb Dlouhy, special education teacher.

A willing community is essential when trying to place the students with a job.

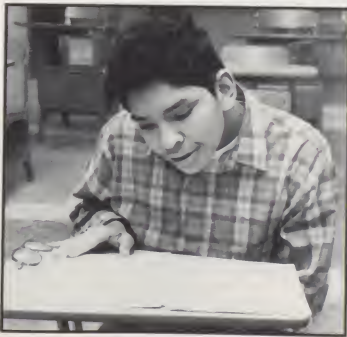
"The community has been real receptive as to hiring and overcoming the students' difficulties," said Kozel.

The students who work receive minimum wage and can get raises when their employer sees is most deserving.

"Some people do not have a job, and I am thankful that I have a job," said Wilson. •Jill Semplinski

## STUDYING

Reuben Torres, senior, studies his assignment before class begins. Torres is known for his concern and desire to be involved in school activities. (Bartley photo)



Art students release frustration by expressing their feelings and thoughts

# THROUGH THEIR ART

Garfield, Peanuts, and Cathy are just some of the comics we read everyday. But what we don't realize is the hard work and talent involved in making these funny and enjoyable characters.

To Chris Pustelnik, senior, "Art is a sort of meditation."

"Art is a way to release the pent up frustrations," said Pustelnik, "when I'm drawing, painting, or even just sketching, I just seem to turn off the world, and sit in my own little world that is created through my art."

"I draw as a way to say what I feel and what I think," said Evan Crawford, sophomore.

There is a fee for art class, but students have to spend money for extra supplies.

"Supplies are not that expensive," said

*'... I just seem  
to turn off the  
world, and sit  
in my own  
little world  
that is created  
through my  
art.'*

• CHRIS

PUSTELNIK

Pustelnik, "a person usually pays an average of \$25 a semester, give or take a couple of bucks."

Some people take art because they have to.

Others take it because they want to and have the talent to.

"Art is a hobby to me because I like making real life pictures," said Crawford, "and with practice you can get a job working for a magazine."

"Art is just to pass the time for me," said Pustelnik, "when I'm in that boring class that seems to take forever, it's not very long before I open up my notebook and start to draw."

Who knows, maybe one day these students might be making comics for us to read every morning. • Lynn Holley

## TOUCH UPS

Putting the final touches on her project is Tina Sikora, junior. Sikora has won many awards for her artistic talents. (Bartley photo)



## ONE ON ONE

Listening to the helpful hints from Eleanor Lewis, art teacher, Tammy Paige, senior, assesses her project in Painting 2. (Perisho photo)





### PORTRAIT

Mia Basile, senior, does a self-portrait by studying a baby picture. The artists look beyond the mirror; they look back in time. (Kissenger photo)



### SATIRE

This editorial cartoon, which appeared in an issue of the *MIRROR* investigating the problems associated with all the construction, was drawn by Chris Pustelnik, senior.

### *BLOWING*

Trying to show up Miles Dunscomb, physics teacher, in physics lab, Kevin Mesarch, senior, attempts to blow a bigger bubble. (Perisho photo)



### *STRESSED?*

Practically pulling her hair out, Kelly Becket, sophomore, attempts to put her thoughts into words. Many students experience stress several times a day. (Perisho photo)



### *CHALLENGE*

Santiago Chago Vaca and Patrick Tsai, juniors, compete in the Trivia Challenge. (Perish photo)





A.P. physics students joined forces  
to capture first ever state title

# STRESSING SUCCESS

On February 15, 1992, Mr. Vermillion's A.P. Physics class won the first ever high school Rube Goldberg competition at Pendleton High School in Pendleton, Indiana.

"The purpose of the competition was to open a lock with a key using at least twenty steps.

"We used everything from remote control cars to stuffed toys," explained Chris Pepmeier, senior.

The final product sat on a 4 foot by 5 foot platform and was 5 feet tall, consisting of 25 steps--5 more than required.

"The project was judged on creativity, human intervention, and time limit," explained Pepmeier. "Points were deducted for human intervention and going over the time limit."

"At first it was difficult to think of the steps to unlock the lock," said Bernie

*'All those  
years of  
playing  
Mouse Trap  
and watching  
'Tom and  
Jerry' finally  
paid off.'*

•PETER  
MASSOW

Orelup, senior. "But once we got started, we seemed to think of steps quite easily. After we thought of the steps, we started building the project."

Also, the class agreed that teamwork played a major role in their success.

"Teamwork was important--without teamwork this project could not have been accomplished," said Tom Tsagris, senior.

After the Pendleton competition, the students were invited to display their contraption at the national college competition at Purdue Lafayette.

They were the only high school represented there. The team received a large, 'traveling' plaque for winning the contest.

"It feels good to know that our A.P. Physics class will always be the first name on the Rube Goldberg Plaque," said Pepmeier. •Beth Anaclerio



## TEAMWORK

Kristy Putnam, junior, checks the voltage on the voltmeter while Jesse Bell and Patty Sopegila, seniors, record the data. (Moke photo)



MHS students and faculty put in hours of work  
and play because they are

# DEDICATED TO EXCELLENCE

## Dedication.

Just how much will you do to get to the top? Whether you spend endless hours striving for perfection, or endless hours simply trying to survive, school takes a lot out of students.

Just why would students put so much pressure on themselves?

Lisa Hernandez, senior, said, "I feel that students owe it to themselves to be responsible enough to make the most of their educational opportunities and insure a good future for themselves."

Depending on one's attitude, this can either make or break their success as a student.

Kristi Meyer, senior, said, "I have a positive attitude and I also work very hard toward my goals. I feel these qualities will help me later in life to get what I want in life."

Furthermore, there are often many

*'Sometimes I  
feel a little  
stressed out if  
it gets to be  
real bad. I  
either slow  
down for  
a while or take  
a day off of  
school.'*

•DAVID  
CENTANNI

obstacles that get in the way of excelling.

To many students it can be being involved in too much, having a job, and wanting a normal social life.

Joanie Sinar, senior, stated, "Since I have a job, I try to schedule all of my activities plus all of the time that I can do my studies around my job which sometimes takes up all of my time."

All of this pressure caused from worrying about doing well can often bring about a great deal of stress. At one point it may build up at once and be too much to deal with.

All in all, this hard work hasn't been for nothing; it will all pay off sooner or later.

"I hope to reach my potential in academics; if I fail, I feel I failed in life. I can never reach below a certain point," concluded Sinar. •Michelle Budzewski

## MY BUDDY

Clowning around, Terry Narkum, sophomore, learns better with a puff-a-lump at his side. Students at MHS need a sense of humor to make it through the day. (Perisho photo)





### *BONJOUR*

Teaching the aspects of the french language, Irene Spiro, French teacher, lectures to her class. (Hepp photo)



### *ONE ON ONE*

Giving a word of advice, Mike Zolfo, English teacher, stops to help Becky Glagolla, senior. The computer lab has become a helpful hand to many students. (Bartley photo)



### *GO PIRATES*

Devoting time to extra-curricular activities is Amber Eich, senior, who is a member of the pep band. (Perisho photo)

### THE WALL

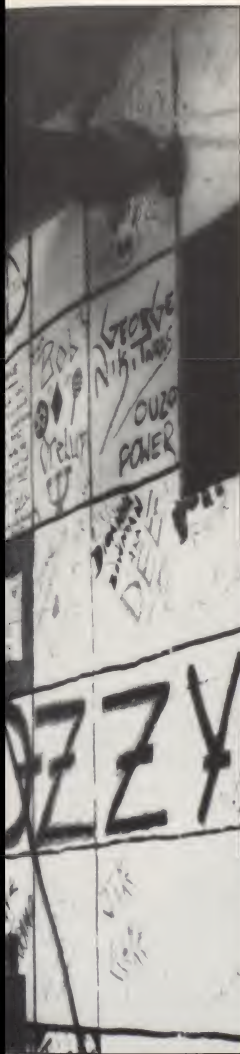
Drilling away at the senior wall are Jamie Del Rio, senior, and Scott Slys, junior. The building trade students cut out each square to be given to each senior. (Kissenger photo)



### SHINE-ON

A little dab here, a little dab there. Tony Barendela, senior, gives the car a new look. The career center opens the doors for many MHS students. (Moke photo)





Industrial Arts experiences prepare students for  
future with

# HANDS ON PROFESSIONALISM

Engines running, hammers pound-  
ing, and the scraping sound of a saw  
cutting wood fills the air. These are  
sounds of Industrial Arts students hard  
at work on various projects.

"I have done projects such as gun  
cabinets, shelves, pool cue racks and  
plaques," said Aaron Schmick, senior.  
Many people don't realize the hard  
work that goes into Industrial Arts  
projects.

"Electricity is hard because you have  
to have an understanding of all the  
different components and equipment  
you use," said Peter Mylak, sopho-  
more. Some students who don't take  
such courses feel that they aren't chal-  
lenging.

"Some people think all we do is sit  
around and talk. We usually keep

*'Some may  
look down on  
people who  
take these  
classes, but  
not me. I am  
also in very  
hard academic  
classes.'*

• AARON  
SCHMICK

busy most of the time with our  
projects and assignments," said Ron  
Markle, senior.

"In CAD Design the drawings  
need to be precise. If the drawing is  
done wrong it won't work if you try  
to make it," said Markle. Many  
Industrial Arts students plan to fur-  
ther their career in their field of  
study.

"Electricity will come in good use  
because I plan to become an electri-  
cal engineer," said Jason Hazi, jun-  
ior. The sounds of motors running  
and saws cutting aren't being made  
by students who just want to take a  
"blow off" class; they are made by  
students who are getting good ex-  
perience for their future careers.

• Kim Naspinski



## STEADY

Jason Swigon,  
sophomore, works  
cautiously on his  
project. The stu-  
dents are often re-  
quired to wear pro-  
tective gear. (Moke  
photo)

Home economics class learns helpful skills while providing public service

# CAKE DECORATING

"Add two eggs and beat well."

"Pour two cups of flour into bowl."

"Pour into a nine-inch square pan."

Cake decorating is a fast growing class.

Students take cake decorating for many different reasons. It may appear to be a blow-off course, but in reality it takes hard work and dedication.

"We have tests and deadlines just like any other class," said Debbie Midget, senior.

"It's not as easy as people think. We really have to work hard for our

*"We have tests and deadlines just like any other class."*

•DEBBIE

MIDGET

grades," continues Midget.

Baking a cake may not seem like such a hard thing to do, but the cook has to be sure not to bake the cake too long or not long enough. In addition, the frosting has to be done to perfection too.

The cake decorating class also makes cakes to sell during the holidays. Before Christmas break and Valentins Day is their busiest time of the year.

"It usually becomes a mad house two weeks before Christmas break. We are constantly making cakes," said Kelly McLain, senior. • Jenny Pasko



## DONE?

Nikki Johnson, senior, checks to see if her cakes have finished baking in her home economics class. (Bartley photo)

## TA-DA

Organizing all of her utensils in the home economic kitchen is LaTrice Washington, sophomore. Many of the students took cake decorating as an elective course. (Kissenger photo)







*MODELING*  
Showing her student, Theresa Goskey, junior, how to properly decorate a cake is just one of the many things that Carol Von Behren, home economics teacher, does. The cakes must look professional as they are sold in the community. (Kissenger photo)



### *FINALLY*

Standing for the National Anthem, the MHS basketball team and fans pay their respects for their country. A new flag is just one of the attractive features in the new gym. (Perisho photo)



### *EMPTY*

Peaceful and quiet in its newness, the new gym would soon be filled with loudly cheering fans. (Bartley photo)

Crammed into small quarters, or traveling to other buildings, students survive until

# THE NEW GYM

Because of the construction at MHS this year, students and faculty have to adjust to the constant changes.

Gym classes have done a lot of improvising while the new gym and outdoor track were being finished.

"We don't have lockers so we have to bring our gym clothes with us every day," said Lisa Moke, sophomore.

Besides not having lockers, the weight room is another inconvenience they have had this year caused by the construction.

"The weight room is too crowded and when all three classes have to use the upstairs gym, there is not enough room," said Mitzi Pratt, sophomore.

"We walk to Pierce to use their track when we have to run the mile. We use the upstairs gym to do some activities

*'We still do  
the things we  
would normally  
do. We just do them  
in different  
places'*

*•STACI  
LAVERY*

we would normally do outside," said Angi Byrom, sophomore.

Even though the construction has made some slight inconveniences, most agree that when it is finished it will all be worth it.

"It has been kind of hectic, but it hasn't really changed things a lot," said Staci Lavery, junior.

There are gym related courses that have not been affected by the construction, such as lifesaving and swimming courses. Make ups for absences are also the same this year. They are done in the weight room or the pool as usual.

The gym classes have gone through a lot of changes this year, but they are still basically sticking to their regular schedule despite the construction.

•Valerie Miller



## IN MOTION

Michelle Mysliwiec and Karen Kessler, sophomores, keep in shape through gym class. (Hepp photo)

## FORM

During physical education class, Mona Miller, P.E. teacher, carefully analyzes the form of Dave Nelson, sophomore. Learning to serve a volleyball correctly is one of the many skills to be perfected in P.E. (Hepp photo)

When making choices about future careers, students can choose the Gary Career Center

# MITCHELL: THE D.J.

Broadcasting. To some, the word is simply the voice they hear on their favorite radio stations. But to Brian Mitchell, senior, making a career out of broadcasting is a goal not too far out of reach.

"The career of broadcasting is very interesting to me. Many people may think that you just need a good voice or can talk well, but it's really much more than that," Mitchell said.

To lay the foundation for a broadcasting career, Mitchell attends a daily three hour class at the Gary Career Center.

"When I get to class, I'm handed news which I go over and practice reading. Later, the news is read by my other classmates and when that's completed, we have a meeting and critique all of the readers. We also have to get news stories from local police and fire departments," Mitchell added.

In conjunction with the Gary Ca-

*'My show is basically a mix of talk, humor, and music. I feel the show is very entertaining, and the subject varies weekly.'*

•BRIAN  
MITCHELL

reer Center, Mitchell is doing a weekly radio show at 6:00p.m. on Wednesday nights, on 88.87FM(WGVE). Students and faculty tune to his program weekly.

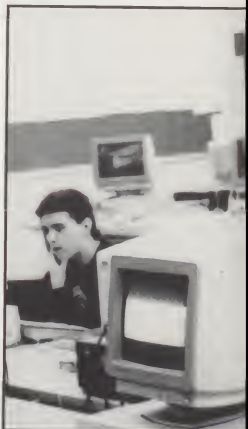
"Though I'm not fond of the music played on Brian's show, he obviously knows what is popular with his audience. He has such a gregarious personality that the show is still fun to listen to. I think that Brian has a great potential for success as a disc jockey," said Linda Christoff, English teacher.

Mitchell credits David Letterman and Doug Banks as his inspirations.

Mitchell discovered his calling at the age of seven when he and a few friends would make weird new stories and record them on the tape recorder. Then, as he grew older, Mitchell realized that people got paid to do what he simply thought was fun. • Christine Onoff

## SKILL

Making up his computer program, Phil Guerrero, senior, attentively works on his next assignment. CAD class involves a lot of computer programming and design skills which can be used in the work force. (Moke photo)







### *HI-TECH*

Students in CAD use computers to design their projects. MHS purchased state-of-the-art equipment in order to expose students to the latest technology. (Moke photo)

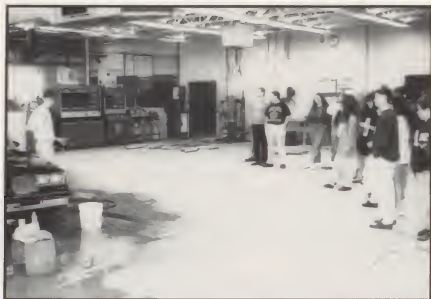
### *D.J.*

Brian Mitchell, senior, works with his Gary Career Center instructor on equipment in the control room. Mitchell works as a disc jockey and also has a rap band. (Kissinger photo)



### *EXPRESSION*

Reciting one of her works for the class is Pru Cunningham, senior. Creative writing allows students to write what they feel, expressing themselves through their senses. (Perisho photo)



### *HANDS-ON*

Demonstrating how to wash a car was one of the speeches given in Joe Morrow's speech class. He allowed the students to move about within the school to make their demonstrations real. (Moke photo)



Surviving all those long, boring lectures  
is only possible with creative tactics

# HOW DO YOU STAY AWAKE?

Angela Byrom-"I look at  
other people's shoes."

Allison Rimer-"I day-  
dream about guy's."

Mike Valenti-"I don't."

Lisa Moke-"I eat."

Jack Lashenik-"I laugh  
at people with funny hair-  
cuts."

Greg Thiros-"I think of

what I'm doing after  
school."

Eddie Sobh-"I just  
count as high as I can before  
class is over."

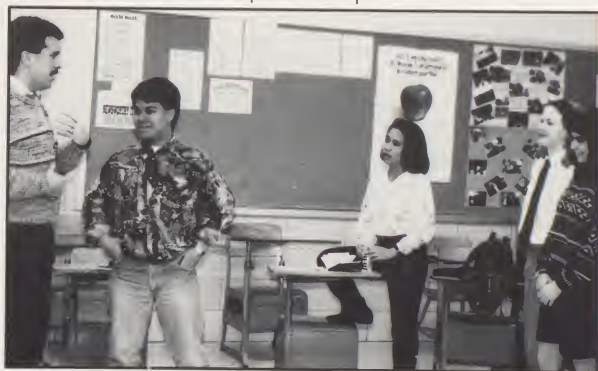
Karen Durkin-"I talk."

Matt Walla-"I sleep un-  
til the teacher wakes me up."

Kim Gutierrez-"I count  
the number of holes in the  
ceiling or walls."

*"I read  
stupid  
remarks on  
the backs of  
desks."*

•SCOTT  
HENDRICKSON



## DETAILS

Mike Zolfo,  
speech coach,  
demonstrates  
some techniques  
to members of the  
team. (Kissinger  
photo)

Yes, we'd rather be doing something else, but  
since it has to be done

# HOW DO YOU LIKE TO STUDY

My favorite way to study is  
while listening to the radio.--  
Toni Romanik, sophomore

The best way of studying is  
listening to music or watch-  
ing T.V. during studying.--  
Paul Russell, sophomore

To sit in my room with the  
radio on and talking on the  
phone.--Dawn Schneider,  
sophomore.

*'Shut yourself  
up in a room,  
no noise,  
completely  
concentrating  
on what you  
have to study  
(for at least  
six hours a  
night).'*

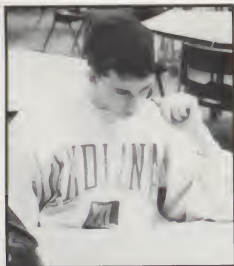
•APRIL  
SELAGY

I like studying with a group.--  
Ronicia Rose, sophomore

The only way I can study is  
with my stereo playing my  
favorite 3rd Bass CD.--Kathy  
Rodriguez, sophomore

A half hour at a time.--Pat  
Schultz, sophomore

The best way to study is in  
short peroids of time.--  
Shawn Rodriguez, sopho-  
more



## STUDYING

Jeff Cook, junior, uses his third period study hall to catch up on homework. Others use study hall to catch up on sleep or letter writing. (Hepp photo)

## NOTES

Patti Spiegla and Ladonna Tucker, seniors, are hard at work taking notes. Spiegla's coat is a reminder of the cold classrooms--or is it a fashion statement? (Kissinger photo)





### *THE GAME*

Pondering the correct answer to the question is Lyle Stoelting, psychology teacher. Teachers challenged students in the Trivia Challenge to raise money for a youth hospital. (Perisho photo)



### *THINKING*

Leo Doumanian, senior, sits quietly in his English class. One of MHS's top students, Doumanian was a role model to the student body. (Kissinger photo)

*People...*  
**Investing in  
Futures**





## Certainly the most important business is one where the youth are the customers and the products...

As the year came closer to being over, along with it came the urgency for it to be over. For most seniors senioritis had struck. All that was on their minds was how far away June 9 was. For them it would mean an end to one way of life and the beginning of a new one. Juniors and sophomores could not wait so they could enjoy fun in the sun and become closer to their day of freedom from

high school. Despite the urge for summer, students studied hard, attended many sports events and **INVESTED TIME IN THEIR FUTURE.** Students worked hard realizing these high school days would influence their lives forever. Sure, there was plenty of time to relax and have fun, but most importantly, it was a time to make these teenage years an opportunity for **INVESTING IN MEMORIES** which would never be forgotten. There were also times to study and worry about grades. The students knew that what they **INVESTED** in now--books and classes--would be a big **INVESTMENT IN THEIR FUTURES.**

### *THIRSTY?*

Nourishing the MHS football team, Shauna Carlisle and Cathy Bettin, seniors, are managers at the football games. A lot of help is needed to get ready and keep the team going. (Perisho photo)

### *A TRUE JAN*

Capturing the enemy, Cathy Aimone, sophomore, dresses up for the basketball homecoming game. Aimone dressed as a lady pirate for the student government float. (Perisho photo)



# 66 SENIOR--DEFINED AS:

"The seniors have more responsibilities to look forward to in the near future."

*CHRISTIE ROY*

"The seniors are so much more mature than all of the sophomores and most of the juniors."

*JENNIFER SEAMPLES*

"We are superior from everyone else."

*SHAWNEE ZIMMERMAN*

"We are graduating and they are not."

*LISA SATISFIELD*

"A senior is someone who has made it to the top."

*HEATHER LUEBCKE*

"They are lazier than everyone else."

*JON TURPA*

Vernon Adamson--Football 9; Orchestra 9; Track 12.  
Terry Agee--Band 9, 10, 11, 12.  
Michael Alamprese--Band 9; Baseball 9; Golf 9; Wrestling 9. Robert Albers--Concert Choir 9; Fall Play 11; Football 9. Robert Alderman--Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Debate Team 11, 12; Drama Club 10, 11, (officer) 12; Games Club 11, 12; Speech Team 11; Student Government 12.

Thomas Ampeliotis--Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, 11; M-Club 10, 11; Tennis 10; Track 9, 10. Beth Anaciero--Concert Choir 9; National Honor Society 11, 12 National Jr. Honor Society (officer) 9; Pom-Poms 9; Senior Commencement Planning Committee 12; Spanish Club 11; Speech Team 11; Student Government 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11; Yearbook 12. Veronica Anaya--Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12. Mark Andreis. Nicolas Anguiano--FEA 11; Football 9, 10, 11, (captain) 12; M-Club 11; Spanish Club 10;

Dianna Antonovich--FEA 10; Key Club 10, (officer) 11; National Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Quest/SADD 12; Super Bowl 12. Shanita Armand--Basketball 9; Concert Choir 9; Pom-Poms 9; Powder Puff 10; Track 9. Michael Atwood--German Club 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10, 11. Danielle Baehler--FEA 10, 11; French Club 10, 11, 12. Key Club 10, (officer) 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; National Honor Society 11, 12; Quest/SADD 11, 12. Brandon Bank.





Dontreal Bankhead, Russell Banks—Cross Country 10, 11; Games Club 11; German Club 11, 12; JETS 12; M-Club 10, 11; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Speech Team 11, 12; Student Advisory 10, 11; Track 10, 11, 12. Tony Barandela, Victoria Bard—French Club 11; Office Aide 11, 12; Powder Puff 12. Michelle Bartley—FEA 12; Powder Puff 10, 11; Quest/SADD 12; Softball 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 12;

Mia Basile—Homecoming Court 12; Newspaper 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Speech Team 11, 12. Jesse Bell, Laura Bell—Cheerleading 9; FEA 10, 11, 12; Pom-Pons 11; Powder Puff 10, 11; Spanish Club 12; Student Government 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12. Mark Berndt—Football 9, 10, 11, 12. Catherine Bettin—Concert Choir 9; Football Manager 12; French Club 10, 11; National Jr. Honor Society 9; National Honor Society 11, 12; Pom-Pons 9; Quest/SADD 12; Super Bowl 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10.

Kenneth Birkoff—Baseball 9, 10; Debate Team 10; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Speech Team 10; Yearbook 9. Aaron Bittner—Basketball 9; Office Aide 11, 12; Swimming 10, 11. Ernest Black—Swimming 10. Violet Boromisa—French Club 10, 11; Newspaper 9; Powder Puff 11, 12; Student Government 9; Sunshine Society 12; Tennis 9; Volleyball 9. Dioanna Bowman—Spanish Club 12.

Marie Brogaard, Justin Brown—Basketball 9; Football 9. Alison Bruce—French Club 10; Pom-Pons 10; Quest/SADD 11; Swimming 9. Diana Budzevski—Powder Puff 11. Michelle Budzevski—FEA 10, 11; M-Club 10, 11; Spanish Club 12; Swimming 9, 10; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 9, 11, 12.

Tina Bullock—Quest/SADD 9, 11; Spanish Club 9; Teacher's Aide 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12. Albert Byrnes, Jodi Campbell—Cheerleading 9, 10, 11; Concert Choir 9; Gymnastics 9, 10, 11, (captain) 12; Homecoming Court 10, 11, 12; M-Club 10, 11; Powder Puff 10. Shauna Carlisle—Academic Super Bowl 11, 12; Drama Club 10, (officer) 11, & 12; Football Manager 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 10; French Club 10, 11; National Jr. Honor Society 9; National Honor Society 11, 12; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; Quest/SADD 10; Quill & Scroll 11, 12; Spring Play 10, 11; Student Government 12; Yearbook 11, 12. Dawn Carlson.

Tina Carniello—Golf 10; Pom-Pons 9, 11, 12; Powder Puff 11, 12; Quill & Scroll 12; Yearbook 11, 12. Ryan Carpenter, Jennifer Carr—Concert Choir 9; French Club 11; National Jr. Honor Society 9; National Honor Society 11, 12; Pom-Pons 9; Student Government 9. Amy Carrigan—Pom-Pons 9, 10, 11, (captain) 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12. Julie Cavanaugh—HERO 12; Key Club 10; Quest/SADD 10, 11; Student Govern-

# Making . . .

Choosing a college is a major decision for a senior because it can change his or her entire life. Seniors often ask why they should even go to college.

"I plan on going to college to further my education," said Bernie Orelup, senior.

"Also, to succeed in today's world, it takes more than a high school diploma."

Furthermore, students are recommended to apply to many colleges to increase their chances of getting accepted. For example, many apply to either two or three colleges. Some of these colleges might even be out of state.

"I would like to attend an Indiana school because they are cheaper than out-of-state schools," said Pete Massow, senior. On the other hand,

students like to go to out-of-state schools to gain experience in the "real world."

"I want to go to an out-of-state college because I want to be in a different atmosphere, a different life," said Bob Orelup.

Once a senior decides where he or she wants to attend school, they must also decide whether to live on campus or commute. Bernie Orelup added,

"I'm going to stay on campus because it is easier to get involved with school activities. I also want to get away from home so that I can live on my own."

No matter what choice is made, these decisions will definitely be the most important ones seniors will ever make about their education. • Scott McNab

## the BIG decision



David Centanni—Academic Decathlon 12; Class Officer 10, 12; Concert Choir 9, 12; Fall Play 10; Quest/SADD 12; Re-Thinking Committee 11, 12; Revue 10, 11, 12; School Board Advisory Council 12; Senior Commencement Planning Committee 12; Student Advisory Council 10, 11, 12; Student Government 9, 10, 11, 12; Vocalists 10, (officer) 11& 12. Valentin Cesljarev—Basketball 9; FEA 12; French Club 10, 11, (officer) 12; M-Club 10, 11; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Soccer 9, 10, 11, (captain) 12. Gregory Christman—Swimming 9, 10, 11, (captain) 12. Elizabeth Christy—Academic Decathlon 11, 12; Academic Superbowl 10, 11, 12; Environmental Club 10, 11, 12; Key Club 10, 11; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12. Quest/SADD 10, 12; Spell Bowl 10, 11, 12; Student Advisory Council 12; Student Government 12. Michelle Clark—Quest/SADD 12; Quill & Scroll (officer) 11&12; Student Government 9; Yearbook 9, 10, 11, (editor) 12.

Deborah Cole. Danielle Collins—Basketball 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Quest/SADD 11; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9. Laura Connors—Office Aide 11; Pom-Poms 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12. Christina Contri—Environmental Club 10, 11, (officer) 12; French Club 10; Key Club 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9, 10, 11, 12; Pom-Poms 9; Student Advisory 10; Yearbook 9. Heidi Cook—Sunshine Society 11, 12; Swimming 11, 12; Track 11, 12.

Kelly Cox—HERO (officer) 12. Kimberly Cox—HERO (officer) 12. Jake Cseke—French Club 10, 11, (officer) 12; M-Club 10, 11; Soccer 9, 10, 11, (captain) 12; Wrestling 10. Prudence Cunningham—Concert Choir 10; Creative Writing Club (co-officer) 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Student Government 12. Lisa Curiel—Concert Choir 9; Student Government 9.







*HMMMMMM!*

Thinking about future plans, Danielle Collins, senior, waits for her class to be over. Many seniors found it harder to concentrate as they thought of going to college the next year. (Perisho photo)

*"I DON'T KNOW!"*

At a loss for words, Cha Morin, senior, has writer's block in Mr. Wood's advanced composition class. Many seniors took the class to help prepare them for college. (Bartley photo)



Marcellus Davis—Baseball 9; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Concert Choir 9; Football 9, 10, 11, (captain) 12. Elizabeth Decos—Business Professionals of America 12; Concert Choir 9, 10; Spanish Club 12. Tammy Derry. John Devries. Brian Dilling—Quest/SADD 10.

Jacob Dobis—Concert Choir 9; Golf 9, 10, 11, (captain) 12. Michael Doreski. Leo Doumanian—Academic Decathlon 12; Class Officer 9, 10, 11; Football 9, 10; Quest/SADD 11; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 10, 11. Tina Dres—Basketball 11; French Club 11. Rikki Dubbert—Cheerleading 10, (captain) 11; Class Officer 12; Concert Choir 9; German Club 10, 11; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Pom-Pom 9; Quest/SADD 10, 12; Red Ribbon Week Planning Committee 12; Senior Commencement Planning Committee 12; Student Government 11; Sunshine Society 11.

Loraine Duchscher. Scott Dunn—Building Trades 11, 12; Office Aide 9. Luke Dunscombe—Band 9; German Club 10, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12. Kristy DuVall—Concert Choir 9; Newspaper 9. Cindy Dwyer—Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Senior Commencement Planning Committee 12.



Marc Eberle—Football 9. Tracey Eckels—Concert Choir 9; Cross Country 9, 10, 11, (captain) 12; French Club 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 11, 12; Track 9, 12. Christopher Edgerton. Amber Elch—Band 9, 10, 11, 12; German Club 10, 11; Guidance Club 12. Christine Elliott—Basketball 9, 10; National Jr. Honor Society 9; National Honor Society 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12.



Jennifer Engle—Debate Team 9; German Club 10, 12; Guidance Aide 10. Alex Erdelles—German Club 11; Golf 9, 10, 11; Swimming 10. Christopher Escue. Linda Farmer—Concert Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Quest/SADD 12; Spell Bowl 9; Vocalteens 11, 12. Jennifer Fashing—FHA 12; Powder Puff 12; Quest 10.



Cathleen Filan—Concert Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; French Club 10, 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9, 10; National Honor Society 11, 12; Quest/SADD 12; Student Advisory 9; Vocalteens 11, 12. Kari Foreman—Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Flag Corps 10, 11, (captain) 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; National Honor Society 11, 12; Sunshine Society. Roger Foster—Band 9, 10, 11; Baseball 9; Basketball 9; National Jr. Honor Society 9; National Honor Society 10, 11, 12; Prom Court 11; Student Government 12. Khymerlee Anne Fought—Class Officer 10; Environmental Club 10, 12; French Club 10, 11; Key Club 10, 12; Newspaper 10, 11, (editor) 12; Powder Puff 10; Quest/SADD 10, 12; Rethinking Committee 10; Senior Commencement Planning Committee 12; Speech Team 11, 12; Student Advisory 10; Student Council 9, 10; Tennis 9, 10, 11; Teacher/Office Aide 11, 12; Yearbook 12. Daniel Franz—German Club 10, 11, (officer) 12; Newspaper 9; Spell Bowl 11, 12; Soccer 11, 12; Wrestling 10, 11.



Jason Frekot—Baseball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, (captain) 12; M-Club 10, 11; Wrestling 9, 10, 11. Stephanie French. Robert Frey—Football 9; Wrestling 10, 11, 12. Amy Ellen Frink—Concert Choir 9; Homecoming Court 11, 12; FEA 10, 12; M-Club 10, 11; National Honor Society 11, 12; Prom Queen 11; Quest/SADD 10; Softball 9, 10, 11 (captain) 12; Spanish Club 10, 12; Student Government 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12. Kim Garity.



Rebecca Glagola—Concert Choir 9, 10, 11; Quest/SADD 12. Melissa Good—Basketball 9; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Yearbook 9. David Goodrich—Concert Choir 9; Student Government 9. Shannon Goodson—Pom-Pons 9, 10. Margaret Gorman—Academic Decathlon 11, 12; Academic Superbowl (captain) 10 & 11, 12; Creative Writing Club (officer) 12; French Club 10, 11, 12; German Club 10, 11, 12; JETS 11; Literary Magazine (co-assistant editor) 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; National Honor Society 10, 11, 12; Re-Thinking Committee 10, 11; Student Government 12; Student Advisory 10, 11, 12; Swimming 11, 12.



James Gorski—National Honor Society 11, 12; Social Studies Aide 12. Sandra Gray—Concert Choir 9; Creative Writing Club 12; French Club 10, 12; Golf 10, 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Prom Committee 11; Senior Commencement Planning Committee 12; Volleyball 9. Phillip Guerrero—Concert Choir 9; Cross Country 11, 12; Track 10, 11, 12; Swimming 10, 11, 12. Jeremy Guthrie—Football 9, 10. Jennifer Guzik—Cheerleading 9, (captain) 10; FEA 10, 11, (officer) 12; M-Club 10, 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Quest/SADD 12; Student Government 9, 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12.





Jeffrey Hall—Football 9. Stephen Hamilton—Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11. Jamie Harding—Cheerleading 9; Concert Choir 9; Gymnastics 9. Jennifer Harms—Concert Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; German Club 10; National Jr. Honor Society 9; National Honor Society 11, 12; Pom-Poms 9; Tennis 10, 11, 12; Vocalists 11, (officer) 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Joseph Hatfield—Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama Club 10, 11, 12; Key Club 11; Spanish Club 10.

Shelley Hermes—Cross Country 9, 10; Newspaper 12; Track 9; Yearbook 12. Christina Hernandez. Juan Hernandez. Lisa Hernandez—Concert Choir 9; Spanish Club 11; Sunshine Society 12. Maria Hernandez.

Susana Hernandez—Spanish Club 12; Tennis 12. Mark Hernick. Christine Hickok—Concert Choir 9; French Club 10, 11; JETS 11, (officer) 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; National Honor Society 11, 12; Pom-Poms 9; Quiz Bowl 11, 12; Swimming 10, 11. Perry Hopkins—Officer Aide 10, 12; Quiz Bowl 11. Jina Hovey—Guidance Aide 11; Quest 11.

# “FUNNIEST MOMENT?”

"We decided to get something to eat at Baker's Square. We decided to write our names in wet cement. Jill Semplinski ran out of the restaurant and ran through the cement. We were all laughing really hard, and Vicki Bard wet her pants."  
DAWN TEREK

"Steve Jamrok only having a dollar to buy dinner for his date at Homecoming '89."  
KEN BIKOFF

"Having Mr. Vermillion make fun of Bryan Bowles"  
RYAN SHAVER

"When Khym Fought, Draga Ilievski and I kidnapped Mr Neuliep's pterodactyl. We told him the "bird" would die if he did not give us 300 merit slips in a plain brown paper bag."  
MIA BASILE



Maria Honipal—Juniata Club 9; Hummel, Steven Stultz—Timothy Huffel—Baseball 9, 10; Concert Choir 9; French Club 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Maureen Huycke—Basketball 9; HERO (officer) 12; Powder Puff 11.

Draga Nieveski—Builders Club 9; Concert Choir 9; FEA 11, (officer) 12; Newspaper 9, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11; Quest/SADD 12; Student Advisory Council 12; Student Government 11, (officer) 12. Jennifer Irby—Pom-Pons 9; Powder Puff 12; Quest/SADD 12; Student Government. Jennifer Jagiela—Basketball 9; Cheerleading 9, 10, (captain) 11, 12; Class Officer 11, 12; Concert Choir 9, 10; FEA 11, (officer) 12; Homecoming Court 10, 11, 12; JETS 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; National Honor Society 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Re-Thinking Committee 12; Spanish Club 10; Speech Team 12; Student Advisory 11, 12; Student Government (officer) 9, 10, 11, 12. Steve Jamrock—Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9; Newspaper 9; Yearbook 9. Monica Johnson—Class Officer 12; Boys Swimming Manager 11; Senior Commencement Planning Committee 12; Student Government 12; Sunshine Society 10, (officer) 11 & 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11, (captain) 12; Track 11, 12.

Kristin Johnston—Band 9; French Club 10; JETS 11; National Jr. Honor Society (officer) 9; National Honor Society 11, 12; Pom-Pons 9. Lawrence Jones—Band 9, 10; Debate Team 10, 11; Football 10; Speech Team 11, 12; Track 9, 11, 12. Julie Joseph. Tony Kajmakoski. Brenda Keilman.



## Seniors battle deadly disease, anticipate

"I'll bring all of my books home with good intentions, but I'll never end up opening any of them. I would rather just watch television or sleep," said Kristen Nelson, senior.

This definitely sounds like a case of senioritis. Senioritis is a common disease which affects high school seniors who find themselves caring less and less about school and more about other things such as graduation and their future plans.

"The cause of my senioritis definitely has to do with the fact that I will be graduating in less than five months and moving on to college where I will have a fresh start everywhere," said Nelson.

Some students blame other causes for their senioritis.

"Talking to past seniors

and thinking about how lucky they were to move on with their lives probably caused my senioritis," said Mark Berndt, senior.

By rarely bringing his books home this year, Berndt detected that he is suffering from an extreme case of senioritis.

"So far this year I have only used one seventy page notebook for all my subjects, and I have taken my math analysis book home approximately three times. None of my other books have even come home with me yet," said Berndt.

Other students do not suffer from such a severe case as Berndt's. "I have senioritis but not as bad as others. I still study, but I don't push myself like I used to. If I don't do so well on a test... big deal," said Jennifer Jagiela, senior.

Jagiela's senioritis has defi-

nately not affected her future plans. She will be attending Purdue University at West Lafayette in the fall of 1992 for nursing.

"My senioritis has just caused me to spend more time having fun and less time studying this year," said Jagiela.

Some students feel as if their senioritis has affected them for the time being, but it's just a matter of days until it will be cured.

"My senioritis may have affected me for now, but once I get my head back in order I will be able to go on with my future plans," said Phil Swigon, senior.

Although Swigon still completes his homework assignments, he spends more time doing other things of his interest.

"I still do my homework, but I also do things that interest me so I can be in educated in other

areas than just school," said Swigon.

Some seniors have found themselves doing a minimal amount of school work this year in order to just get by.

"I do nothing, and I just barely get by. I wish that I would have studied, but it's too late to start over. You only get one chance," said Aaron Bittner, senior.

Many students disagree on whether there is a cure for senioritis or not. Some say the only cure is graduation. "The only cure for a bad case of senioritis is graduation," said Adam Shapley, senior.

Other students believe one can only be cured from senioritis if they are willing to be cured. "The only way I will be cured is if I want to be cured, and that goes for every student," said Swigon.

Senioritis can be hazardous.

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"Still be trying to graduate from college."

**DAN NAVARRO**

"Trying to get my foot out the door and for my life to start to kick in."

**JENNY HENDERSON**

"Be a hobo."

**ROB ALDERMAN**

"A therapist in a tall skyscraper with all windows in Chicago."

**BECKY GLAGOLA**

"Laying in a hot tub at the Playboy mansion while Eric Heron is getting me drinks."

**CHRIS EDGERTON**



Emanuel Papadakis. Alexandra Papadopoulos-Pom-Pons 9; HERO (officer) 12. Steven Parsons-Baseball 9, 10, 11; Football 11; Key Club 12; Quest/SADD 11; Swimming 10. Jennifer Pasko-FAA 10, 11, 12; Quest/SADD 10, 11, 12; Senior Commencement Planning Committee 12; Spanish 10, 11; Speech Team 10, 11, 12; Student Advisory 12; Student Government 12; Yearbook 11, 12. Carrie Pennock-HERO 12.

Russ Penzato-Football 9. Robert Perisho-Drama Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 12; Games Club 11, 12; Newspaper 11; Spring Play 11; Thespian 12; Yearbook 12. Joseph Peterson-JETS 12; Key Club 12; Office Aide 12; Student Government 12. Tom Pfeiffer-Baseball 9, 10. Gregory Piaseczny.

Dale Porter. Steve Pozgay. Sandra Psaros-Athletic Office Aide 12; FAA 10, 11, 12; Office Aide 11; Pom-Pons 9; Quest/SADD 12; Spanish Club 10, 11. Melissa Ann Puente-Concert Choir 9; Pom-Pons 9, 12. Jason Pupek-Games Club 12; Office Aide 12; Yearbook 12.

Chris Pustelnik-Drama Club 11, 12; Newspaper 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11. Christopher Radcliffe-Debate Team 11, (officer) 12; Games Club 11, 12; Newspaper 12; Speech Team 11, (officer) 12; Track 11, 12. Milo Radoja-Class Officer 9; Concert Choir 9; FAA 11; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; M-Club 12. Ingrid Rais-HERO (officer) 12. Shawn Ravenscroft-Class Officer 9; Speech Team 10; Vocalteens (officer) 12.

Sharon Reithel—FEA 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Quest/SADD 12. Ronald Robertson—Concert Choir 9; Football 9; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Carlos Rodriguez—Basketball 9; Office Aide 12; Quest/SADD 12. Janene Rossie—Athletic Aide 12; Basketball 9, 10; C.O.E. 11; Diving 10; Track 9, 10; Christina Roy—Business Aide 12; Pom-Pons 9, 11; Student Advisory 12; Student Government 12; Sunshine Society 12.

Bryan Ruesch. Ronald Salyers. Craig Samardzija. Jason Santiago—FEA 12; Football 9, 10; JETS 12; Science Aide 12; Student Government 12. Jennifer Schell—Concert Choir 9, 10, 11; French Club 10, 11, 12; Quest/SADD 12.

Aaron Schmick—Golf 9, 10, 12; Guidance Aide 12; Swimming 11, 12. David Schmuck—Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Debate Team 11; JETS 11, 12; Math Aide 9, 10, 11; Music Aide 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9. Melissa Scoville—Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 10, 11, 12. Jennifer Seamples—FEA 12; M-Club 12; Pom-Pons 9, 10; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10; Student Government 10, 11. Jill Semplinski—French Club 10, (officer) 11; Golf 10; National Jr. Honor Society (officer) 9; National Honor Society 11, 12; Newspaper 9; Pom-Pons 9, 11, 12; Powder Puff 11, 12; Senior Commencement Planning Committee 12; Yearbook 9, 12.

Darrell Shaffer—Baseball 9, Football 9; Games Club 12; Guidance Aide 12; Wrestling 9. Adam Shapley—FEA 11; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; M-Club 11; Office Aide 12. Ryan Shaver—Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; JETS (officer) 12; National Honor Society 11, (officer) 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 11; Quiz Bowl 11, 12; Student Advisory 11. Derek Sheppard—Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Government 9; Track 9; Wrestling 9. Patricia Shores—FHA 12; HERO 12.

Christy Anne Short—Class Officer 11; Concert Choir 9; FEA 10; Improvement Advisory Council 11, 12; M-Club 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, (officer) 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Student Advisory 11, 12; Student Government 10, 11, (officer) 12; Swimming 9; (captain) 10, 11, & 12; Vocalists 12. Kristina Shultz—Academic Decathlon 11, 12; Concert Choir 9, 10, 11, (officer) 12; Debate Team 9, 10, (officer) 11, 12; French Club 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Quest/SADD 10, 12; Quiz Bowl 11, 12; Speech Team 10, 11, 12; Spell Bowl 10, 11, (captain) 12; Super Bowl 10, 11, 12; Vocalists 11, (officer) 12. Richard Sikanovski. Raquel Silva—FHA 12; HERO 12; Powder Puff 11. Hope Simpson—Drama Club 9, 10, 11, 12; French Club 9, 10, (officer) 12; Golf 11, 12; Key Club 11; M-Club 12; Pom-Pons 9; Quest/SADD 10, 11, 12; Softball 9; Volleyball 9.

Joan Sinar—Concert Choir 9; FEA 10, 11, 12; Games Club 9; M-Club 10, 11; National Jr. Honor Society (officer) 9; Pom-Pons (captain) 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, (officer) 12; Student Advisory 12; Student Government 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, (captain) 12; Track 9, 10, 11. Eric Slade. Dawn Smith. Jennifer Smith—National Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society (officer) 9; Pom-Pons (captain) 9, 10, 11; Quest/SADD (officer) 12. Marcia Sopko—Concert Choir 9; FEA 10; Pom-Pons 9, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10.





Brian Sotak. Melanie Sparks—Band 10; Swimming 10. Annette Spero. Patrice Spiegla. Brandi Starrick.

Melanie Stefanovich—Concert Choir 9; Drama Club 10, 11, (officer) 12; Pom-Pons 9.  
Heidi Stewart—Concert Choir 9; Class Officer 10; FEA 10, 11, 12; M-Club 11; Pom-Pons 9; Quest/SADD 11; Student Government 10, 12; Student Advisory 10; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11. Eric Stiener—Baseball 9; Football 9, 10, 12. Steve Strogilos—Basketball 9; Key Club 11; Soccer 9, 10; Student Government 12. Eric Strong—Basketball 9.

# “STRESSED OUT?!”

"I relieve stress by going in my room and crying. Then I usually fall asleep and wake up later feeling relieved."

**BRENDA SORRELS**

"One way I relieve stress is by doing low-impact aerobics, and then I feel ten times better."

**JILL SEMPLINSKI**

"I usually relieve stress by pounding on my

brother's girlfriend's face."

**BERNIE ORELUP**

"I usually relieve stress by driving my car around until I get in a devastating wreck; then I go deer hunting."

**VAL CESLJAREV**

"I relieve stress by laying down, watching t.v., or by falling asleep."

**JEREMY GUTHRIE**

"I watch Steven Seagal."

**JACK LASHENIK**

"I relieve stress by swimming, running, lifting weights, and popping the sheets of air bubbles that you get with fragile mail."

**MONICA JOHNSON**

"I relieve stress by listening to the B-52's."

**JENNIFER HARMS**



Stephanie Stupar-Basketball 9; C.O.E. (officer) 12; Powder Puff 11, 12. Frank Sulkowski. James Svetich. Phillip Swigon. Jason Taulbee.



Amy Taylor-Concert Choir 9; Creative Writing Club 12; Newspaper (opinion editor) 12; Pom-Pons 9; Speech Team 11. Sherri Teitge-French Club 10, (officer) 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Student Government 10. Dawn Terek-Basketball 9; Cheerleading (captain) 9, 10, 11, 12; Debate Team 12; FEA 10, 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Student Government 9, 12; Student Advisory 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12. Christopher Thomas. Sheryl Tisza-Home Economics Aide 11.



Sophie Todorofski-Powder Puff 10; Quest/SADD 11; Spanish Club 11. Katherine Torres. Ruben Torres. Rosa Trevino-HERO 12. Tom Tsagris-Basketball 9, 10, 11; French Club 11, 12; JETS 11, (officer) 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Spanish Club 10.



Ladonna Tucker-Debate Team 12; French Club 11, 12; Track 11, 12. Kirsten Tuckett-Cross Country 9; French Club 9, 10; Track 9; Volleyball 9. Jon Turpa-Baseball 9; Concert Choir 9; FEA 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Track 10. Karen Urbanczyk. Sjoerd Van Egeraat.



Amy Vassas-French Club 10, 11, 12. Jessica Vasquez-Debate Team 10; French Club 10; Golf 9, 10, 11, 12; JETS 11; Quest/SADD 11; Speech Team 10; Track 10. Conrad Villanueva-Cross Country 9; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12. Tiffany Villarreal-Concert Choir 9. David Visclosky-Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12.



Kimberly Wahlman-Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Court 12; Newspaper 10; Student Advisory 12; Student Government 9, 11, 12; Yearbook 12. Curtis Waldron-Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10, 12; Yearbook 9. Dennis Watson-Football 9; M-Club 9, 10, 11; Wrestling 9, 10, (captain) 12. Devin Watts. Danny Weis.





Eric Welzien--Band 9, 10. Theresa Wenger--FHA 10. Garrick Whitaker--Swimming 10, 11, 12; Quest/SADD 11. Adrian Williams--Drama Club 9, 10; Football 9; Soccer 9; Track 9; Vocalists 12. Ken Williams--HERO 12.

Jessica Wilson--C.O.E. (officer) 12. Michael Wolf--Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9; Building Trades 11, 12. Shari Wood. Sheri Wood. Lorian Woods.

John Zapinski. Shawnee Zimmerman--HERO 12; Powder Puff 10, 11; Track 9, 10. Melissa Zolodz--Band 9, 10, 11, 12; French Club 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Quest/SADD 10; Student Government 12. Lisa Satisfeld

## NOT PICTURED

Vince Ashley.

Andre Bankhead.

Robert Belshaw.

Mark Bielski.

Bryan F. Bowles--JETS 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Newspaper 9; Quiz Bowl 11, 12; Spell Bowl 12; Student Government 11, 12.

Mark Brown.

Christie Bulza--FHA 12; Quest/SADD 10, 11; Spanish Club 10.

Bel Susan Buosco.

Tahkisha Bures.

Carlos Clark--Track 9, 12; Swimming 11.

Joseph Clark--Football 9, 10, 11, 12; M-club 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 12; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12.

Scott Clark--Basketball 11, 12.

Jennifer Cook.

Christine Craig--Guidance Aide 9; Office Aide 9, 12; Quest/SADD 10, 11.

Mark Crim--HERO 12; Swimming 9.

Jamie Del Real--Building Trades 11, 12.

Anthony Diaz.

Silbrina Evans.

Jennifer Figueroa.

Erin Finney.

David Garcia.

Manuel Garcia--Tennis 10.

Lee Garza--Football 9; Wrestling 9, 10, 11.

Stephanie Georgevich--HERO (officer) 12; Powder Puff 10, 11; Spanish Club 10.

Jodi Giglio.

Daniel Greenwood--Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 10; Football 11; Track 9, 10, 11, 12.

Lisa Grogloth.

Todd Hashiguchi--JETS 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Spanish Club 12; Swimming 11; Tennis 10.

Jennifer Henderson--Gymnastics 11; M-Club 10, 11; Swimming 9, 10.

Mike Henninger--Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 11.

James Eric Herron.

Jeff Hong.

Dennis Hopper.

Charles Householder.

Anthony Johnson--Wrestling 9.

Mark Johnson.

Petar Jolevski.

Brian Koczur.

Mindy Kramer.

April Lau.

George Lesniak.

Devin Lopez.

Darcia Luna--FHA 10; Quest/SADD 10.

Craig Scott Lynn--Football 9.

Dan Malinovich--Soccer 9.

James Mayer.

Angella Meeks--Basketball 9.

Kevin Mesarch.

Dualin Morgan.

Michael Peckler.

Christopher Pepmeier--German Club 10, 11, 12; JETS 12; National Honor Society 11, 12.

Spase Petrovski.

Mark Rietman.

Eugene Robinson--Baseball 10, 11, Brenda Sorrels.

Bogola John Suleski--Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12.

Anthony Taylor.

Marketh Thomas.

Kathy Truiley--Office Aide 11, 12.

Eric Vanduseldorp.

Allison Volcsko.

Larry Wagner.

Jason Wells.

Antwone Wilson.

Michael Wilson--Basketball 12.

Henry Wirtz--Building Trades 11, 12; Football 9.

Steven York.

# D • A • T • I • N • G

## someone special on Mom/Dad Date Night

Mommy/Daddy date night was a popular dance attended by many.

While girls were escorted by their fathers, the boys escorted their mothers. This was a great evening spent with parents and friends.

"We had a really fun time dancing and being with my friends. After the dance my dad and me doubled with Lisa Luebke and her dad. We went to Snaks for dinner," said Danie Jo Wengel, junior.

According to most people who went to the dance, it was a big success. They were kept busy throughout the evening with pic-

tures, dancing, and socializing with friends.

"I had a lot of fun dancing with my dad, and seeing my friends dance with their dads. After the dance we went out to dinner with Tina Sikora and her dad; we had a really good time," said Linda Palomchak, junior.

Among other fun activities at the dance there was a dance contest. The winners of the contest were Bob Eaton and his mother.

"The dance contest was also really fun to watch. It was weird seeing my friends dancing and talking with their parents," said Staci Lavery, junior.

Some fathers were lucky enough

to have two dates, such as Mr. Jageila. He was escorted by his two daughters, Jennifer and Diane Jageila.

"We had a great time. We took turns dancing with our dad. When I wasn't dancing I was talking with my friends. We were also busy getting pictures," said Diane Jageila, junior.

This evening was very memorable for the couples. Most agree that they have some great memories that will last forever.

"I had a nice time. I enjoyed spending the time with my father. I feel it brought us a little closer together," said Danie Jo Wengel, junior. •Valerie Miller



### ONE, TWO AND THREE...

Enjoying a slow dance, Cheryl Santos, sophomore, and her father give the camera a quick smile. Santos and her father were one of the many couples who attended the Mommy/Daddy Date Night Dance.

### THIS IS FOR YOU, MOM

Dancing the night away Darrin Lengyel, senior, and his mother show off their expertise. Lengyel and his mother won the dance contest at the Mommy/Daddy Date Night Dance.





### *AGAIN?!*

Come on Dad, just one more dance! Stacy Little, sophomore, didn't want to let her father rest too long before they hit the dance floor again.



### *BOOGIE DOWN*

Moving to the beat of the music, sisters Cathy Bettin, senior, and Vicky Bettin, sophomore, dance with their father. Mommy/Daddy Date Night is a yearly dance sponsored by Student Government.



# F • R • E • S • H • M • E • N

## Upperclassmen fear crowding in Fall

MHS has been through several changes throughout the year. These changes have brought about many additions which will be greatly needed. Since next year the freshmen will be attending the high school. The student body seems to have very mixed emotions about this addition of students.

"I think they should stay at the junior high until all the construction is finished. The school is already crowded enough without them," said Jeff Cook, junior.

Many students feel the same way about the situation. With all the confusion in the school now will the school be ready for the freshmen by next year? This is a common question asked by many students.

Stan Matunas, sophomore, said, "My feelings about the freshmen are kind of upsetting. With the freshmen being here there will be even more people trying to rule the school."

True adding the freshmen to the school will be a change,

but how much will it actually affect the student body. There will be more classes and even more people competing for spirit points and more people trying to be the best.

Jimmy Lewis, sophomore, said, "I think having the freshmen at MHS will raise the school spirit because when I was at the junior high they had quite a bit of spirit."

In many classes there is a combination of students from all grades. There seems to be a fear that freshmen would

not catch on to the material and handle the classes.

Tina Yurechko, sophomore, said, "No the freshmen should not be mixed in the classroom because they may not catch on as fast and slow down other students' progress."

However, there have been freshmen taking classes here for a long time. The freshmen have also been on high school sports for a long time and they seem to have adjusted just fine.

Ryan Schafer, junior, said,

"The freshmen are already mixed in sports here. They compete just like any other grade."

Students should enjoy this year because it will be the last one without freshmen. The freshmen are also faced with a lot of pressure because they will be entering a whole new environment. Change has become a part of our lives at MHS and these changes will stay with us forever.

• Lynn Holley

Melissa Aguilar  
Alana Lynn Anderson  
Michelle Angelloff  
Cary Annunzio  
Nicky Baldner  
Mary Barszewich  
Stephanie Lynn Bartz  
George Batalis

Ryan Patrick Bayer  
Jennifer Lynn Beck  
Jessica Beckwith  
Angela Bednash  
Mary Beller  
Eva Beltran  
Jennifer Berg  
Sarah Bernatkin

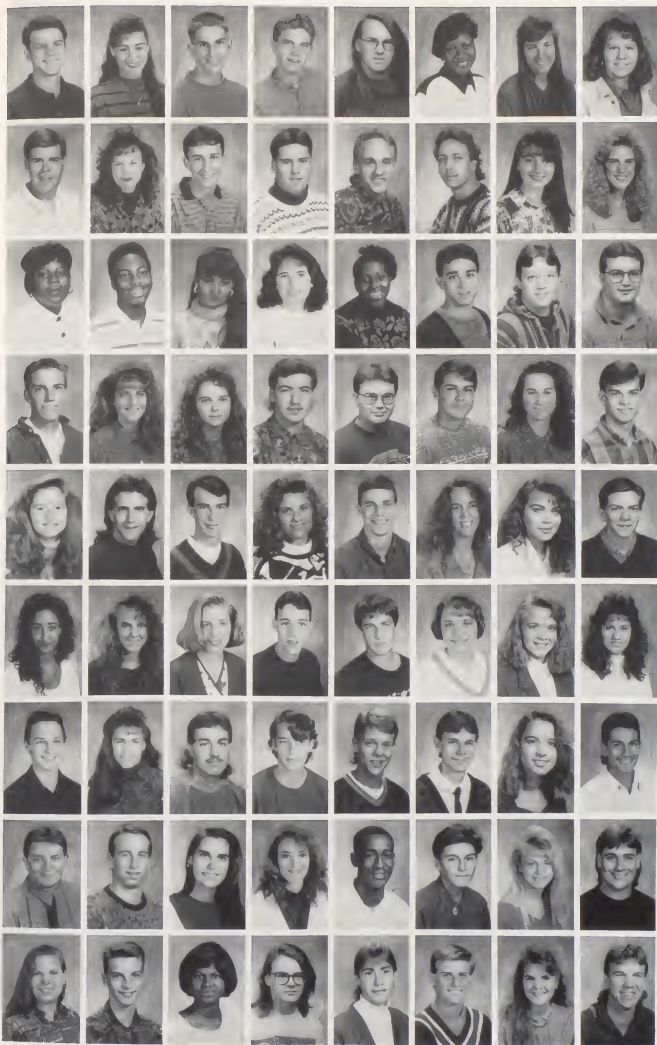
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Sean Blakenship  
Nikki Lynn Bogalia  
Christopher Bondra  
Jason Bontager  
Lisa Anne Borens  
Tami Borman  
Patty Bounnhaaz

Robert Lloyd Brant  
Krylessa Bratcher  
Christina Briggs  
Robert Brodner  
Christopher Bronowski  
Barbie Brooks  
Amy Brown  
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Kimberly Burke  
Beth Butcher  
Mario Butler-Del Rio  
Shelley Byrnes







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Roger William Craig  
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Zivka Cvetkova  
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Danny Joe Dickerson  
Matthew DiPaola

Kenneth Dobiecki  
Sonja Doneski  
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Jonathan Dulla  
John Anthony Duplaga  
Karyn Durkin  
GlynnDuvall

Nicole Duval  
Thomas Dziubla  
Robert Eaton  
Elizabeth Emry  
Josh Fedorchak  
Kelly Flavin  
Michele Flores  
Daniel Foiz

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Michelle Foster  
Jason Fouk  
Gregory Freeman  
Kristen Freeman  
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Michelle Gear  
Nick Gergoski  
Mark Gildersleeve  
Danny Giffillan  
Norman Gill  
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Martin Hackett

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Jeffrey Harpp  
Ryan Harrington  
Tawnya Haughton  
Jason Michael Hazi

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Jerome Hegedus  
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Scott Hendrickson  
Alan Hepp  
Antwain Hickerson  
Craig Allen Hill  
Jacque Holdeman



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Lynn Marie Holley  
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David Hosfeld  
Mark Iovanec  
Jennifer Howell  
Christopher Hunke



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Diane Jagiela  
James Janickovic  
Chris Janovsky  
Tanya Janaszewski  
Mikha Jefferson  
Mara Jaraona  
Kelly Lynn Johnson



Matt Johnson  
Tasha Johnson  
Erin Jones  
Kevin Jones  
David Josefowky  
Tracie Jurczak  
Hope Jusko  
Chris Karehalios



Dion Katsouros  
Tracy Keneson  
Sevens Kerr  
Kara Kienzynski  
Donovan Kimmel  
Jason Kinsinger  
Jeff Klipfich  
Bonnie Komisarick



John Kortko  
Smaro Koukouloula  
Allison Kopya  
Sam Lagalo  
Duane Lamb  
Michael Larue  
Jamie Laubenik  
Michele Laspas



Joe Larpura  
Mark Laurel  
Staci Lavery  
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Sarah Leeper  
James Lessiak  
Kathy Leszczynski  
Jennifer Leverson



Kim Levitt  
Christopher Lewis  
Wayne Lile  
Kevin Lohse  
Caleb Lolita  
Shawn Longacre  
Suzanne Lopes  
Gary Lucia



Lisa Luebcke  
Holly Luedtke  
Lisa Lustinen  
Dennis Magliot  
Mike Maj  
Jennifer Major  
Michelle Malocha  
James Manesa





Juliana Mansell  
Mike Mastalaki  
Kassy McConnell  
Amy McCoy  
Jennifer McDermott  
Tania McDonald  
Robert McLean  
Belinda Medellin

Cyndi Meeks  
Ruth Mendoza  
Toby Miles  
Grant Miller  
Valerie Miller  
Brian Minniger  
John Mishorich  
Brian Moates

Mark Madrowski  
Allen Moody  
Theresa Mosley  
Christina Mosqueda  
Kristian Munie  
Colleen Murphy  
Mitra Naumovski  
Mike Navarro

Stephanie Nelson  
Jennifer Nernovic  
William Neuman  
Tracy Niles  
Erin O'Deen  
Sean O'Donnell  
Colleen O'Sullivan  
Valerie Odisho

Christine Onoff  
Sara Orting  
Keith Osborne  
Jason Pabon  
Jeff Pabon  
Michael Pace  
Angie Packowski  
Anthony Pampalona

# F • R • I • E • N • D • S

## Time strengthens true relationships

Nothing grows so sweet on the tree of life as friendship.

And as life goes on, many friendships are strengthened while others may be weakened.

Many of these friendships are being carried out into high school and possibly the future as well.

"Erin Jones and I have been best friends since the summer before our sophomore year, and I'll never forget her when we go away to school," said Hope Jusko, junior.

Jusko and Jones,

also a junior, have known each other since the fourth grade, and both of them seem to find admirable qualities about each other.

"Erin is the coolest person to be around. She is funny, outgoing, and I admire her leadership qualities and positive outlook on life," said Jusko.

Sharing the same interests is often beneficial to a friendship as well.

"We have so much in common. Hope is so nice to everyone which is probably what I admire most about her," said Jones.

Other friendships create a type of competitiveness

that allows each person to be the best he can be.

John Mishorich and Dave Joseforsky, both juniors, have been best friends for five years, and they find that the competition in their friendship is what makes it so special.

"We have a competitive thing about each other. I feel it is healthy because we push each other to be the best," said Mishorich.

It is usually true that best friends spend a lot of time together, and it is not uncommon for friends to get bored with each other.

But Kim Gutierrez, sophomore, has been best friends with both Angela Mish and Angie Byrom, sophomores, for over three years and never seems to get tired of being with them.

"They are the type of people I could never get sick of no matter how long I'm with them," said Gutierrez.

Friends who spend a long period of time together sometimes have a tendency to quarrel or sometimes not.

"We hardly ever argue, but if we do, the arguments get resolved

quite quickly. I don't think we could stay mad at each other for very long," said Mish.

Friendships are an important part of most peoples' lives and are considered very important. People learn to trust and understand other peoples' problems through friendship, which makes it very important.

While best friends share good and bad times together, one thing is for sure: "True best friends can never be broken."

• Jill Semplinski and Tina Carniello



Robert Parker  
Jason Parks  
Adam Parks  
Bradley Parks  
Christine Partas  
Paula Pastor  
Kim Patterson  
Brent Paul



Riste Pavleski  
Celina Paz  
Lenny Paz  
Elizabeth Perovsky  
Sean Perry  
Crystal Perryman  
Stephanie Perryman  
Lauren Peters



Kevin Petries  
Kristina Phillips  
Tim Paggot  
Kelly Pohorlacz  
Linda Polomchak  
Joseph Popliss  
Tracy Powers  
Terry Pruen



Amber Pusateri  
James Ruchan  
Mike Repchak  
Jennifer Reue  
Kristopher Reed  
Crystal Reiford  
Jennifer Renehan  
Gregory Rentscher



## Y'EAH, TEAM!

Practice makes perfect. The junior powder puff team takes a quick break to show their spirit. The juniors ended up tying with the seniors when the game was called due to weather. (Kissenger photo)





Kimberly Richardson  
Lisa Ruffe  
Angela Roberts  
Tamara Robinson  
Mike Rodriguez  
Shawn Rodriguez  
Thalia Rodriguez  
Rosa Roman

Christina Romana  
Michael Rosiak  
Dena Roy  
Steve Ruftard  
Karl Runholt  
Greg Runions  
Joel Santarano  
Richard Sargent

Joshua Schafer  
Ryan Jan Schafer  
Timothy Schafer  
Larry Schiefer  
John Schoop  
Bryan Schulte  
Krystina Scott  
Katherine Sczurko

Jill Seale  
April Selagy  
Robert Sell  
Brooke Seydel  
Rochelle Shelby  
Sean Shocaroff  
Lafayette Shorter  
Candy Shultz



### LET'S GO BUCS!

While cheering on the Pirates Fred Hong, Tracey Powers, Heather Wesley, juniors, enjoy the game. Students found basketball games to be a great place to release energy.

### TGIF!

Danny Jo Wiengle, junior, sports football attire on Halloween. Many students and some faculty members participated in the holiday by dressing up. (Perisho photo)



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 Nicole Smiley  
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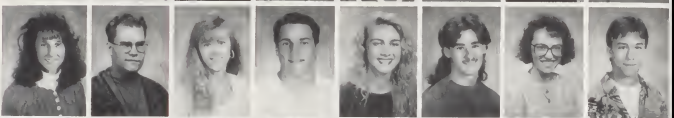
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 Agnli Stauffer  
 Kari Steeb  
 Jenny Stefankiewicz  
 Vladimir Stevanovic  
 Ausencia Stewart  
 Mike Stewart



Heather Stumper  
 Jesse Stoner  
 Melinda Strong  
 Michael Sullivan  
 Holly Summers  
 Danny Suvajac  
 Wendy Swanke  
 John Tabor



Robert Talley  
 Darnell Taylor  
 Nathan Teft  
 Tom Theiling  
 Greg Thirus  
 Jaanita Toledo  
 Kathy Torres  
 Ryan G. Torres



Lisa Trenowski  
 Tom Tripp  
 Trey Tristain  
 Jeff Trivette  
 Theodore Tsagris  
 Patrick Tsai  
 Brett Tubbs  
 Lisa Jo Turley



Maria Tyrikos  
 Santiago Vaca  
 Michelle Vagus  
 Mike Valenti  
 Derek Van Til  
 Jeremy Vargas  
 Bill Vasilopoulos  
 George Vasilopoulos



Jennifer Verbit  
 Tiffany Vivo  
 John Vlahos  
 Matthew Walla  
 Robert Watson  
 Melissa Webster  
 Scott Webster  
 Dallas Wells



Scott Welczko  
 Zac Wells  
 Danie Jo Wengel  
 William Wenger  
 Lisa Whitemore  
 Kyle Wensing  
 Richard Wignall  
 Howard Williams





Jamel Williams  
Tim Williamson  
Kodiak Willis  
Kelly Willison  
Jane Wilcox  
Jim Wirtes  
Jason Wojciechowski  
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Scott Wotell  
Sara York  
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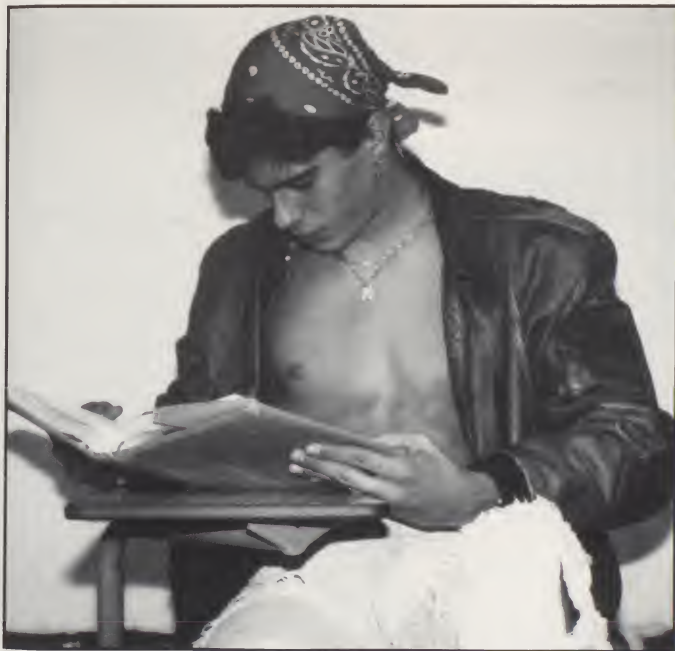
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John Baradzlej  
Michelle Baucom  
Clara Burnett  
Elizabeth Correa  
Nancy Coto

Jeffery Halaschak  
Laurie Hamilton  
Jeff Heitmann  
Marshall Kathcart

Vicki Koby  
Julie Lladakis  
Kristy Putnam  
Lori Rodarte

Paul Smith  
Jerri Lynn Stamate  
Patricia Traficante  
Lonisha Watkins  
Heather Wesley



### OOO LA LA!

Did you hear that Rico Suave is at MHS? Many students dressed up for Halloween this year. Harry Zaris, junior, dresses like his idol. (Perisho photo)

# S • E • X

## Students face issues, make decisions

"It can't happen to me!"

This is a familiar phrase spoken by many teenagers when STDs are mentioned. STDs are sexually transmitted diseases. These diseases can happen to anyone despite age, sex, or race. All these diseases are preventable and treatable, but without proper care they can cause infertility, birth defects, and even death.

AIDS, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, is a deadly disease caused by the HIV virus that damages the body's immune system. As of today, there is no known cure for AIDS. Once a person has it, they can't get rid of it.

There are many preventions of STDs. Some are abstinence and different forms of birth control.

The most common and easiest form of birth control that prevents

the majority of STDs is the "condom." Unlike the pill, there are no side effects from using it. Condoms are also easy to obtain. They can be found in most drug stores.

Although there are a few side effects, the pill is the most effective birth control on the market. It is safe for most women to use, but it must be obtained from a doctor or a clinic.

The pill does not prevent STDs, but it does prevent pregnancy in most cases.

If no form of birth control is used, pregnancy will most likely occur.

Eighty-five percent of sexually active women who do not use any method of birth control become pregnant within months.

The number of teenagers becoming pregnant is rising. Most of

them are under the age of seventeen. Most of these girls never complete high school and are unemployed.

There are also greater risks of complications during pregnancy in this age bracket. There are a few cases of teenage pregnancies that work but for the most part these pregnancies just cause problems for the mothers and the children.

The best way to not get pregnant or any kind of STD is to not have sex, but if you do have sex, make sure you use some form of protection.

Information from this article came from pamphlets from Planned Parenthood. For further information on birth control or STDs call Planned Parenthood at 769-3500. • Michelle Clark & Jennifer Pasko



### PARTY TIME!

A Merrillville student at prom celebrates the taking of the garter. Many post-prom activities include dinner, carriage rides, and sometimes renting hotel rooms. This last activity can be dangerous in some cases.

### CAUGHT IN THE ACT

This MHS couple tried to get in some affection between classes. PDA is discouraged in the school, so couples must dodge faculty and administration so they don't get caught. (Kissinger photo)



## P • D • A

"You can do me in the morning, you can do me in the night."

But you can't do me in school.

Public affection is commonly displayed among students at MHS.

Some students feel this affection is acceptable, while others find this "love in the hallway" indecent.

Couple, Ron Markle and Cathy Bettin, express their feelings on public affection.

"It's okay to show a little affection but don't go too far," said Ron Markle, senior.

Markle's girlfriend Bettin, senior, said "There's just a certain point in front of people."

Most people agree that showing some public affection such as holding hands should be allowed.

"Holding hands is okay, but I can't stand the couples who make out in public. It's just inappropriate," said Chrissy Lisch, senior.

On the other hand, some students feel showing any public affection is not acceptable.

"I don't think school is a place to show any affection," said Alan Hepp, junior.

Overexerted affection can sometimes even lead to school punishment.

Maria Tyrikos, junior, said "My boyfriend and I learned our lesson already because we got busted once by Mr. Herbert."

Overall, most students have one basic view on public affection.

"I hate when I see people making out in the hallway. My God, people, ... get a room," said Dawn Terek, senior. • Jill Semplinski & Tina Carniello



# T • R • E • N • D • S

## Styles change with time

"Side burns, denim shirts, cuffed jeans, and V neck sweaters. This is what is in now," said Jennifer Beck, junior.

Every year many MHS students sport new trends and "in" fashions.

"Tight rolled jeans used to be a popular style, but now, it is a thing of the past," said Lisa Bell, sophomore.

But most students have different attitudes on following trends. Some are leaders and others are followers. One view is to follow trends.

"Sure I'd follow a trend if I liked it, but I wouldn't follow it just to fit in," said Sonja Doneski, junior.

Even some people go to the extent of looking down on someone if they don't follow a trend. They may even consider them outcasts.

"Some consider people that don't follow trends dorks," said Doneski.

Some students decide just to do what everyone else is doing.

"Even though they go out of style, I have a ten-

dency to go with the flow," said Beck.

Even though something is trendy, one may wear it for different reasons.

"Ribbed shirts are popular now. I have one, but I like it because it is so comfortable. But, since everyone has them, they are starting to get old," said Jamie Lashenik, junior.

On the other hand, there are students who feel that it isn't necessary to follow trends.

"I'd still wear some-

thing if it was out of style because if people don't like what I wear it's their own prerogative," said Lashenik.

Some students feel that many people's opinions are suppressed because they want to follow the crowd.

"It's pathetic how people follow trends like sheep being led to slaughter," said Dan Certa, junior.

Overall, many feel that everyone should be themselves.

"That's their own busi-

ness if someone doesn't want to follow a trend. People should be their own person," said Allison Krysa, junior.

Most importantly, styles can reflect a person's personality and express individuality.

Matt Mitch, sophomore, stated. "What is in today may be out tomorrow, so a person should just be comfortable with what he or she likes."

• Kim Naspinski

Wendy Adame  
Catherine Almone  
Tiffany Albee  
Kenneth Alderman  
Timothy Alar  
Monika Angilano  
Josie Arena  
Candace Armour

Darrell Anka  
Erica Ashworth  
Cemelius Ausborn  
Gregory Badlich  
Karl Bailey  
Michael Bailey  
Dimitro Bakrataris  
Christopher Baker

Jody Balcerak  
Joseph Ball  
Mark Bane  
Doreen Bank  
Christopher Bard  
Anthony Bartolomeo  
Kelly Beckert  
Lisa Bell

Paul Berkebile  
Molly Bernstein  
Allen Berrier  
Alexis Berta  
Noel Bertoch  
Victoria Betin  
Jason Siegel  
Donald Binkley

Zarko Blagovic  
Arturo Blanco  
Steven Blatz  
Sally Blomley  
Kevin Bobos  
Todd Bogolia  
Michelle Borman  
Sean Bowman







Bobby Bozinovski  
Monica Braden  
Edwin Brant  
William Brewer  
Anthony Bridges  
Christopher Brown  
Cindy Brown  
Nicole Brown

Jennifer Bryan  
Terry Bryant  
Stacy Budzinski  
Jennifer Burrell  
Angela Byrum  
Scott Caldwell  
Eric Campin  
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Lavon Chandler  
Amber Clark  
Janine Clark  
Josh Clements  
Robert Cleveringa

Chester Cochran  
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Stephanie Cole  
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Alex Correa  
Patricia Craig  
Brian Cram  
Evan Crawford

Robert Crews  
Brandon Cruz  
Bobbi Cunningham  
Candi Cunningham  
David Danford  
Danielle Daugherty  
Kara Davis  
Marta Del Real

Brian Delich  
Lisa Denico  
Hadi DeYoung  
Kimberly Djuricin  
Olivia Dycynowski  
Brandon Duneski  
Scott Drake  
John Draasich

Shannon Drasich  
Martin Drayton  
Paula Dres  
Rene Dunn  
Sunnye Durham  
Mandy Echterling  
Martin Edgington  
Joyce Eichenshr

Gerald Elenz  
Stacy Elliott  
Arte Emmanouilidis  
Michelle Emig  
Scott Erney  
David Evans  
Kimberly Evans  
Kimberly D. Evans

Megan Evans  
Laura Filan  
Marie Claire Foster  
Eugene Freeman  
Emily Frizzell  
John Furto  
Sirellita Galanos  
Scott Callagher

Jason Calozzi  
Tony Gargano  
Brad Garity  
Daniel Garza  
Eva Cawrya  
Thomas Gayda  
Michael Gearhart  
Matthew Gill



Joanna Glagola  
Angela Glavas  
Cristi Goetz  
Nathan Gombas  
Alex Gonzalez  
Diane Gonzalez  
Jose Gonzalez  
Wade Goodson



Ann Gorman  
Riste Gonski  
Brandon Grace  
Geoffrey Gronowski  
Eric Guerrero  
Danyelle Gunn  
Kimberly Gutierrez  
Rudy Gutierrez



Celena Hall  
Scott Hall  
Laura Hamilton  
Mark Hard  
Jacqueline Harms  
Mike Harney  
John Haro  
Clarence Harris



Paul Harris  
Brook Hashiguchi  
Jodi Hendricks  
Brian Higbum  
Karl Herr  
Jenny Herbert  
Daniel Hidalgo  
Crystal Higgins



Christopher High  
James Hinojosa  
Linda Hinzakoska  
Melinda Hollandswoth  
Veddie Hubbard  
Tori Hughes  
Sarah Hummel  
Chad Hunke



Abigail Igarte  
Steven Ijendza  
Thomas Ilerksi  
Robert James  
Alex Janeski  
Blagoje Janeski  
Jason Janiszewski  
Julie Jewell



Derek Johnson  
Brian Jones  
Suzanne Jostowska  
Darrell Joselyn  
Amy Judge  
William Kadelak  
Lupce Kajmakoski  
Johanna Kalinowicz



Artic Kaminsky  
Dimitrios Karas  
Victor Karbowski  
Joseph Kendrick  
Karen Kesler  
Jennifer Kiaga  
Ryan Kirk  
Kristen Kim





Allison Klaus  
Lee Konick  
Gordana Komacka  
Tatiana Kostur  
Jeff Krol  
Jennifer Krol  
Charles Krueger  
Matthew Kuzma

Justin La Plante  
Melissa Lagalo  
Ashley Lake  
Jon Lambert  
Phillip Langbehn  
Kathryn Laver  
Timothy Lavery  
Gil-Hwei Lee

Brian Lehr  
Tanya Lesniak  
James Lewis  
Margaret Leubenthal  
Megan Lindsay  
Jason Little  
Sally Little  
Bobby Loomis

Ricky Lopez  
Victor Lopez  
Raymond Lucero  
Justin Lyons  
David Mahaffey  
Jennifer Malocha  
Alexander Marchuk  
Delisha Marrero

Cary Martinez  
Shannon Mason  
Stanley Matunas  
Michelle Mayers  
Tanya McCollum  
Jennifer Metron  
Peter Mikak  
Tom Mievski

# F • A • M • I • L • Y

## Brother/sister teams ease school struggles

"Can you take me to school?"

"Do you have any money that I can borrow for lunch?"

"Sis did you do your Algebra homework?"

Do any of these questions sound familiar to you? Many students have brothers/sisters that follow their footsteps throughout MHS. These students not only pass each other in the hallway, but attend the same school.

"I think it would be fun to have the same class together for the first few

days, but then it would get old," said Chris Bard, sophomore.

Some people on the other hand, feel that it would not be as exciting or as a good experience "When we did have class together it was all right, but we just got on each other's nerves," said Angie Byrom, sophomore.

Teachers may even tend to compare one student to another. "Some teachers say that my younger sister, Joanna, looks nothing like me and we dress the same. While others say that I have the brains in the family and she has the cre-

ative ability," said Becky Glagolla, senior.

Passing down the hallway a person may see their brother or sister how would one react? "I basically ignore her because I see her at home; e n o u g h ' s enough," said Cindi Meeks, junior.

Although going to school with a brother or sister may have its ups and downs, it may have some advantages as well. "My brother and I have the same Chemistry class but different hours; we often help each other out whenever we get stuck. He's more than just a

brother but a friend as well," said April O'Mara, senior.

Having a brother/sister does not only mean that you have a punching bag or someone to tell on when they do something wrong, but a close friend to rely on.

"My sister and I have a very close relationship. We are not only sisters but friends. We confide in each other about many things; it's nice having her close in age to me and going to the same school. She understands what is going on where if I talk to my mom or dad they are still think-

ing of what was going on when they were going to school," said Michelle Malocha, junior.

Attending the same school as your brother/sister could have many advantages. How many other people could ask their brother/sister to do their homework for them, drive them to school or just to be a close friend to tell a secret to?

"I'll give you my algebra if you give me your physics."

•Michelle Bartley

Jeremy Miller  
Rachel Miller  
Beth Minninger  
Angela Miah  
Matthew Mitch  
Alexandra Mitchell  
Diane Mitchell  
Christina Moffitt



Lisa Moke  
Brian Mola  
Nicole Moravec  
John Morgan  
Jennifer Mullins  
Mario Munguia  
Erin Murphy  
Slavica Musickovski



Michele Myaliwicz  
Kyle Nagy  
Terrance Narisum  
Catherine Navarro  
David Nelson  
Kimberly Nemech  
Kate Nesoski  
Traje Nieski



Sara Nicholls  
Michael Niezgoda  
Sean Kelly O'Hara  
Kimberly O'Neal  
Julie Obetkovski  
Maxel Ochoa  
Steven Oh  
Jason Olesak



# THANK YOU!

Tim Aliff, sophomore, looks as if he's having a musical fantasy as he looks into the crowd after a performance. The band performed pre-game before the home basketball games this year. (Perisho photo)



# DANCE!

Michelle Mayers, sophomore, performs pre-game at the one of the many basketball games. Pre-game is performed by the pom-pons at every home game. (Hepp photo)







Erik Olson  
Ryan Olson  
Wanda Olvera  
Christopher Omara  
Monica Origel  
William Origel  
Julie Ornelas  
Bryan Osborne

Stephanie Pagel  
Willie Parler  
Benjamin Parrish  
Sarah Parrish  
Karrie Patterson  
Sharon Pavovic  
Violeta Pecossi  
Stacy Peek

Donald Petrick  
Maria Polvera  
Melissa Peterson  
Brian Petyo  
Ted Phillips  
Joseph Piazza  
Jason Pollock  
Robert Poyntier

Christine Pozgay  
Anastasia Pratschak  
Michael Pratscher  
Mimi Pratt  
Christina Prue  
Paul Puskas  
Justin Ramage  
Roxie Reyna



### GIGGLE BOX

Wilfred Vivo, sophomore, tries to conceal a giggle while doing homework in class. (Kissenger photo)

### LETS GET STARTED

MHS band members await anxiously for the pep rally to begin. The pep rally was held in order to build spirits before basketball sectionals.



Krista Richardson  
Christina Ridgley  
Kristina Riese  
Allison Rimer  
Daniel Joseph Rivera  
Christine Robelia  
Claudia Rodriguez  
Kathy Jo Rodriguez



Christopher Rohder  
Antoinette Romanik  
Ronica Rose  
Frank Roseman  
Guillemine Rueias  
Brian Ruschak  
Paul Russell  
Joanne Samuel



Manjula Samuel  
Cheryl Santos  
Dana Schlinger  
Michael Alan Schmid  
Dawn Schneider  
Michael Schouten  
Betsy Schreiber  
Patrick Schultz



Kenneth Scobey  
Ryan Seibertling  
Koni Seifert  
John Sell  
Benjamin Shapley  
Byron Shea  
Ryan Shelton  
Johnnie Shepard



Eric Sheridan  
Jason Sherron  
Daniel Shih  
Brian Shultz  
Kelly Siecker  
Kimberly Simpson  
Harry Sims  
Diane Siminowski



Staci Skura  
Alan Slade  
Brian Smith  
Gregory Smith  
Jennifer Smith  
Amanda Snover  
Jennifer Snowden  
Adel Sobh



Valerie Solon  
Tim Sopio  
Amy Sorchevich  
Valerie Sparks  
Nissie Spurgeon  
Heather Stamate  
Lisa Stanchina  
Chris Stark



Laronte Steele  
Elizabeth Stelanoski  
Inez Stewart  
Michael Skiley  
Rebecca Stonett  
Nick Stojanovich  
Kathleen Stringfield  
Kimberly Stout



John Sot  
Jason Swigon  
Laura Terek  
Leandra Thames  
Lakesha Thomas  
Walter Thorpe  
Chakeba Tindal  
Daniel Titus





Margaret Toledo  
Rachel Torres  
Alex Trajkov  
Julie Trajkovski  
Dana Transfiguration  
Amy Valentine  
Christopher VanTil  
Anthony Vassallo

Cory Veal  
Timothy Venable  
Erick Vertucci  
Amber Vestal  
Carl Vingo  
Wilfred Vivo  
David Vode  
Anthony Walla

Eric Ward  
Richard Watsonbaugh  
Latrice Washington  
Suzanne Waters  
Dina Weis  
Shannon Welch  
Sandra Welicko  
Krista West

Jason Wheeler  
Melody Wining  
Christopher Wilkerson  
Lavetta Williams  
Rebecca Williams  
Deric Wilson  
Andrea Wirtz  
Timothy Wisner

Pattilla Woods  
Gregory Wray  
Rebecca Yager  
Erin Rae Yeoman  
Christina Yurechko  
Robert Zamora  
Carrie Zapinski  
Frank Zarikas

## Not Pictured

Michelle Bobalik  
Ranigan Bonilla  
Alexander Cartright  
Jamie Chambliss  
Tonya Courtwright  
Michael Coaszar

Scott De Nardo  
Merla De Young  
Shawn Garcia  
Mark Haro  
Claudia Huitzer

Peter Maggio  
Janice Mayer  
Steven Robert Mazany  
Christopher Medlin  
Michael Menendez

Sean Motley  
Jeremy Nash  
Tina Oaks  
Alyndra Ortiz  
Buffy Patterson

Robin Phillips  
Jennifer Shaffer  
Wendy Smith  
William Smith  
Brandie Swisher

David Thach  
Bechesqueta Thompson  
Chong Ming Tsang  
Cornell Tucker  
Aaron Vanderwarf  
Mark Wilson



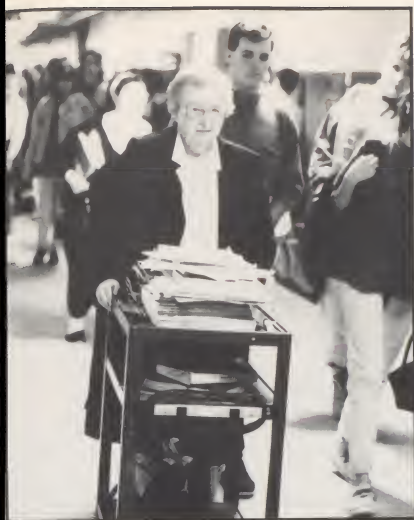
## TOOT!

Tooting his own horn, Karl Herr, sophomore, plays with the band during a boys varsity basketball team. Herr and the MHS band play a big part as supporters of the spirit at MHS.

### *OUT THE WAY!*

Dodging students in the halls, Robbie Bothwell, one of our many cart teachers shares classroom. The heavily loaded cart is just one more sign of inconvenience to teachers due to the construction. (Moke photo)





### RECHARGEABLE

Bernadine Putz, another traveling business teacher, grins and bears it as she steers the heavy cart down the hallway. (Moke photo)

# C • A • R • T • I • N • G

## around supplies, teachers survive inconveniences

When the word "cart" is mentioned, most people wouldn't think of teachers having to move from different classrooms throughout the day.

This year at MHS, due to the construction, many teachers were forced to move to different classes because their old rooms were torn down.

Having to switch to different rooms can often bring about many problems to both the teachers and students.

As stated by Robbie Bothwell, "As I go into the rooms of teachers in other departments, I'm concerned about the care of the room and the equipment. I want to leave the room as it was when I entered. I'm always concerned about taking another person's materials with me." Some students also agree on the fact that not being in a stable environment can bring about some problems.

According to Kim Wahlman, se-

nior, "I think it causes problems for the teachers. It is hard for them to be organized and to teach their class. They have to keep moving and it's hard to keep track of everything."

Just to name a few, the most obvious disadvantages include losing track of things, needing extra materials for class, make-ups, and remembering all the things you need to take and to each room you'll go to each hour.

Though many see mainly the bad points of moving to different locations all the time, there are a few advantages to say the least.

According to Tom Peller, math teacher, "Some of the advantages of switching rooms range from getting to be in a variety of class rooms that have new lighting or the new blackboards."

Besides all of the advantages of having a better, modernized room, some might see an advantage differently.

For Justin Miller, senior, "The new rooms are good because you now have a permanent room. Also, you don't have to search around for your room down the halls. Plus, it's good to have a new scenario from the old, boring room!"

Furthermore, just what does a typical "cart teacher" carry from class to class?

For some it is all of the materials that will be needed for class, depending on what courses they teach.

Also, books, briefcases, tests, worksheets, and writing utensils seem to be at the top of the list for all of the teachers that were involved with these kinds of classrooms.

"I used to push a cart around to each class, but with all the traffic in the halls, it became more of a problem rather than helping me. Now I just take whatever I need for my first three classes and

homeroom."

For some of the teachers who have been through this all year, they have lost some of the privileges that they were once used to in their old rooms.

"As of now, my room has no windows in which I now must adjust. Also, I am separated from all my friends since I don't have a permanent class and I am in different parts of the building," said Mr. Peller, math teacher.

According to Hope Simpson, senior, "I hate not having windows in the classroom, it makes the students feel as if they are enclosed and locked up. Also, not having any sunlight or the sounds from outside can even make a person less interested in concentrating in class."

In the meantime, the teachers will have to get used to inconvenience until the construction is finished and everyone has a new room.

• Michelle Budzevski



# T • O • D • A • Y

## Steven solves problems immediately

"If you want something done today, you ask Fred," said Linda Christoff, English teacher.

Averaging 12.2 miles of walking per day is not the average requirement of the average job; however, Fred Steven, assistant custodian at MHS, does not have the average job.

Steven's work day officially starts at 6 a.m.; however, he usually arrives at 4 a.m. to get a head start on his massive work load and to guarantee that part of his limited time is spent helping teachers.

"When I hired in, they [administrators] told me that my main job is to make sure teachers are satisfied. Sometimes, others want more attention, but teachers are my number one priority. That is why I come in early," said Steven.

"Any time you need something, he gets it done immediately," Patricia Prashchak, media center clerk, said.

At the present, Steven's list of duties includes maintenance, moving the classroom equipment, taking care of the cafeteria, sweeping, sorting the recyclable paper from the nonrecyclable paper, and an-

swering any calls.

"Fred is the one who holds this school together. Fred is wonderful. He's great. He is always finding lost items," said Linda Fry, English chair department head.

Although employed with the school system for six years, Steven works to no set routine; the recent construction of the school disrupted his daily routine.

"Everyday is different. The other day I had to go from room B 120 to the end of the new field house just to open a door for a construction worker. [This] takes time. [I do] a lot of running for construction," said Steven.

The daily stress of his ever changing schedule does not show, however. His pleasant aura is a favorite attribute with many. "He always has a smile," Prashchak stated.

Working with the teachers and students is Steven's favorite duty.

"I have a good rapport with all of them [students and teachers]," he said.

"Fred is awesome! He's always looking out for me. He is a friendly guy, whatever I say?" concluded Jon Turpa, senior.

•Tracey Eckels

### HEAVY, HO!

Transporting heavy loads is not new to Fred Steven. Each day brings on a new challenge as he tries to meet the needs of the faculty. (Kissenger photo)



Beverly Ambroziak—business.  
Janet Anderson—art.  
Patricia Armstrong—English, debate coach.  
Joe Atria—science, girls track coach, assistant football coach.  
Marianne Battistini—guidance counselor.





Russell Bernstein--physical education, boys swimming coach, girls swimming coach.  
 Mary Ann Bertram--foreign language.  
 Robbie Bothwell--business, department chairwoman.  
 Lee Bottom--industrial arts.  
 Robert Brown--math.

Tom Cameron--assistant athletic director, wrestling coach.  
 Chris Choncoff--social studies.  
 Linda Christoff--English, Write Room supervisor.  
 Beth Colson--English, creating writing club sponsor, assistant girls track coach, girls cross country coach.  
 Kenneth Coudret--science, assistant football coach, boys track coach.

Jacqueline Crone--English, yearbook and newspaper adviser, Quill and Scroll sponsor.  
 Sheryl Demik--special education.  
 Steve DeVille--media center, video yearbook sponsor, Super Quiz coach.  
 Barb Dlouhy--special education.  
 Miles Dunscombe--science.

Richard Ebler--English.  
 Jim Edgcomb--social studies, academic decathlon coach.  
 Cliff Fackler--math, junior class sponsor.  
 Tom Feeney--math.  
 Maryann Foster--French.

Drew Furuness--guidance counselor  
 Mary Ann Galanis--social studies  
 Rick Garner--industrial arts.  
 Sally Gradeless--math.  
 Raymond Hamilton--foreign language, German Club sponsor.

Robert Harder--industrial arts.  
 Dick Hill--math.  
 Jan Hughes--business, Senior Class sponsor.  
 Max Hutchison--math, department chairman, boys golf coach.  
 William Idzior--math.

**BOO!**

In disguise, Mrs. Lewis, art teacher, gives an evil eye in her witch costume! Many teachers dressed up for Halloween to earn spirit points for their homeroom (Bartley photo)



**HARD AT WORK**

Collecting her thoughts, Nancy Miller, guidance secretary, decides what she must do next. Miller participated in Spirit Week by dressing up as a construction worker. (Perisho photo)



Sherm Izsak--science, athletic trainer.  
Mary Kay Jeffries--foreign language,  
Spanish Club sponsor.  
Christopher Joll--science, assistant wrestling  
coach.  
Jerry Kasarda--English, Quest instructor,  
Quest Club sponsor.  
Barbara Koby--English.



Rosellen Kozel--special education,  
Sophomore Class sponsor, student govern-  
ment sponsor.  
Mike Krutz--industrial arts, M-club sponsor,  
assistant baseball coach, assistant football  
coach.  
Michelle Kurfman--special education, Key  
Club sponsor.  
Margaret Lain--physical education, assistant  
Senior Class sponsor.  
Bonnie Leckie--English, sunshine society  
sponsor.





### COMMA SPLICE!

While grading papers, Mike Zolfo, English teacher, concentrates on creativity. Zolfo was also the speech team sponsor. (Bartley photo)



### NOT THE WINDOWS

Prepared to face the day's dust, Beverly Ambroziak, business teacher, figures grades. The maid costume was appropriate for this year of construction. (Perisho photo)



### GOOD MORNING!

Enjoying his breakfast, Max Hutchison, math teacher, and Mona Miller, P.E. teacher, visit with Tom Herbert, FEA sponsored this years breakfast which had a record turnout. (Hepp photo)



Judy LeDuc--business.  
Connie Lewis--English.  
Eleanor Lewis--art, department chairman, Prom sponsor.  
Diane Mandon--social studies.  
Judy McNally--home economics, FEA sponsor.



Patricia McNally--special education, JV softball coach.  
Mona Miller--physical education.  
Joe Morrow--English, business manager, Thespian and Drama Club sponsor.  
Patrick Mulloy--social studies, assistant senior class sponsor, assistant softball coach.  
Jack Neuliep--science.



Pat Parmelee--special education, Freshmen  
cheerleading sponsor.

Tom Peller--math, JV basketball coach.

Terry Pratt--art.

Bernadine Putz--business.

Janis Qualizza--athletic director.



Geraldine Rainey--English.

Jerry Reinhart--music department.

Shirley Renner--guidance counselor.

Violet Schmuck--math, math clinic supervisor.

John Seale--industrial arts.



Margaret Stallings--home economics.

Lori Steele--physical education, assistant volleyball  
coach, girls basketball coach.

Evelyn Steiner--foreign language, Super Quiz  
coach, Spell Bowl coach.

Lyle Stoelting--social studies, department  
chairmen, Games Club sponsor.

Dave Teeter--industrial arts.



Barbara Timmerman--music, Orchestra Director.

James Vermillion--science, department chairmen,  
JETS sponsor, girls golf coach.

Carol Von Behren--home economics, department  
chairmen, FHA sponsor, HERO sponsor.

Sue Williams--music, Band Director, Flag Corps  
sponsor.

Rick Wimmer--physical education, department  
chairmen, football coach.



Bruce Woods--English, Academic Decathlon coach.

Jeff Yelton--science, assistant football coach,  
Environmental Club sponsor.

Dave Zimmerman--business department, boys  
tennis coach, girls tennis coach.

Michael Zolfo--English, Speech coach, assistant  
girls track coach, Sophomore Class sponsor.



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*Sports...*  
**Risky Business**



## Risking injury and reputation, the MHS athletes battled competitors--winning, losing, improving...

What a year for the athletes! The teams had no where to practice and few home games. Yet school spirit persisted. The fall season started with a bang as the football team clearly dominated the conference. HOBART WHO?

Then the doors of the new gym finally opened for practices, home games, and even PEP SESSIONS. MHS spirit soared! The brightly painted, freshly glossed gym floor reflected the image of a sea of purple and white, waving with each point scored.

But probably the most enticing feature of the new gym was the sound system. With our famous "Bulls-style" introductions, the team was ready to take care of BUSINESS. The athletes played their hearts out for their school--RISKING it all.

Charged up and ready to go, the MHS attacked the RISKY BUSINESS of competition.

### THE A HOLE IN ONE

#### PAIN

In spite of a successful football season, the team was plagued with injuries. Sherm Iszack, trainer, treats Milo Radoja, senior, during the game. (Perisho photo)

Smiling with sweet contentment, Jake Dobis, senior, sinks another put for the team. Such success was a common occurrence for MHS athletes. (Perisho photo)





# Hobart victory highlights season

by **TINA CARNIELLO**

"Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah! Stayin' Alive! Stayin' Alive!"

This famous 70's song can be heard throughout the football team's locker room after every victory game.

And victory games are what turned out for the Merrillville Pirates. This year the Bucs made their season's goal. They beat the Hobart Brickies 13-12.

Not only did they beat Hobart, but this game won them the Dunesland Conference, giving them a 9-0 record.

The fans were also extremely supportive, making a show of 8,000 fans. "As soon as I entered the Brickie Bowl, I knew we would win. I felt extremely confident in the team," said Vikki Bard, senior.

The highlight of the Hobart game was when Merrillville's defense forced Hobart to fumble. The offense then came in and Dave Joseforsky came up with three

clutch passes capped off by Donny Bankhead's touchdown reception.

Adam Shapley, senior, said "I never felt so proud in our whole season. The next best thing that happened was when all the Pirate fans poured out onto the field."

The Bucs worked hard to bring their season's record to 9-1.

"Summer practices, two a days, and weight room training were a few of the ways we worked for our team goal. With the tough practices the boys endured, it was a natural thing for our season to turn out well," said Rick Wimmer, football coach.

Turning out well is true. But at the beginning of the season, not too many fans were sure of the Buc's ability.

"During training, some people didn't expect us to do this well. Because of this, we worked twice as hard," said Mike Keneson, senior.

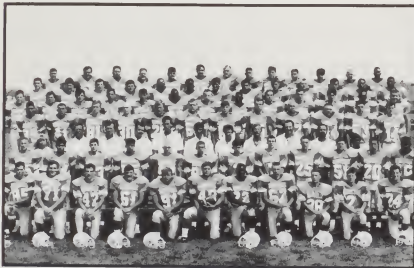
The Pirates suffered two major losses throughout the season. They included Jamel Williams, strong safety and tailback, and Zac Wells, outside linebacker. But these losses never stopped the unbeatable Bucs.

"The captains, Jason Frekot, Marcellus Davis, and Nick Anguiano, displayed exceptional leadership. They helped a lot during the time of Jamel's and Zac's injuries," said Wimmer.

The supporting fans also helped the Bucs into the great conquest of the Conference.

The Bucs were great all season. The team kept all the fans loyal, giving us a reason to attend every game.

Besides playing on the field, the boys also had a game in the locker room. "It's a tradition to listen to 'Stayin' Alive' after every game. It puts us in a great mood after already winning the game," said Keneson.



**FOOTBALL-FRONT ROW:** N. Tefft, J. Galoozis, T. Narkum, G. Thiros, C. Waldron, J. Frekot, M. Davis, J. Fedorchak, M. Schmidt, T. Phillips, T. Bartolomeo. **SECOND ROW:** J. Pabon, R. Lucero, T. Lavery, K. Bobos, M. Keneson, D. Mahaffey, B. Osborne, C. Starke, J. Pabon, B. Boznovski, M. Mitch, R. Kirk. **THIRD ROW:** D. Daugherty, Manager; D. Kouylianios, Asst.; K. Coudret, Asst.; M. Krutz, Asst.; M. Klinckenbeard, Asst.; R. Wimmer, Coach; J. Yelton, Asst.; L. Zembala, Asst.; J. Atria, Asst.; S. Iszak, Trainer; S. Spinks, Manager. **FOURTH ROW:** D. Katsourous, M. Navarro, J. Ellens, S. Slys, S. Longacre, G. Barich, G. Garity, M. Walla, J. Miller, K. Mesarch, C. Smith, J. Wirtes. **FIFTH ROW:** J. Ramage, M. Nelson, V. Stevanovich, B. Parrish, J. Mishorich, M. Pace, P. Cornick, C. Williams, L. Shiefer, V. Lopez, J. Wojciechowski, I. Shorter, D. Sheppard. **SIXTH ROW:** P. Shultz, Z. Wells, D. Visclosky, B. Gorgijovski, L. Jones, M. Brown, R. Shaver, J. Trupa, B. Shapley, M. Berndt, H. Sims, D. Bankhead, J. Williams. **BACK ROW:** W. Lile, M. Radoja, N. Anguiano, B. Smiley, S. Pozgay, G. Burke, J. Clark, D. Musgrove, M. Stewart, K. Lohse, A. Shapley, D. Joseforsky, E. Robinson.





### CATCHING HIS BREATH

Joe Clark, senior, takes a break on the sidelines to consider his plays. The Pirates had a victory over Portage at the Homecoming Game. (Perisho photo)



### IT FIGURES

|              | Credits | Debits |
|--------------|---------|--------|
| Crown Point  | MIS 27  | OPP 0  |
| Portage      | 20      | 0      |
| M. C. Rogers | 13      | 0      |
| Valparaiso   | 13      | 7      |
| Andean       | 14      | 0      |
| Hobart       | 13      | 12     |
| LaPorte      | 28      | 7      |
| Sectionals   | 53      | 0      |
| WestSide     | 13      | 26     |

### TOUCHDOWN

Running for a touchdown. Mike Navarro, junior, runs the ball while Eugene Robinson, senior, blocks the Andean competitors. The game ended with a 14-0 Merrillville victory over Andean.

### GETTING AWAY

Zac Wells, junior, tries to run away to score a touchdown. Running is a technique used to build up the team's strength. (Kissinger photo)



**A LITTLE MORE TO GO**  
Sprinting with all his might, Ryan Harrington, junior, makes his way to the finish line. Harrington and his teammates defeated the Chesterton Trojans, 17-45. (Perish photo)

|            | IT FIGURES |        |
|------------|------------|--------|
|            | Credits    | Debits |
|            | MHS        | OPP    |
| Andean     | 29         | 35     |
| Portage    | 50         | 15     |
| Griffith   | 15         | 49     |
| Hobart     | 19         | 43     |
| MC Rogers  | 17         | 43     |
| Munster    | 16         | 47     |
| LaPorte    | 23         | 32     |
| Valparaiso | 41         | 18     |
| Chesterton | 17         | 45     |



**CROSS COUNTRY-FRONT ROW:** Dan Navarro, Sam Lagalo, Alan Hepp, Ryan Harrington, Scott Gallagher. **BACK ROW:** Gary Lucia, Phil Guerrero, Josh Schaefer, Martin Drayton, Dan Greenwood, Greg Pierson, coach.

### GETTING PSYCHED

Erin Yeoman, sophomore, takes time out from a cross-country meet to ponder on her performance during the Highland Invitational. She placed 63rd overall with a time of 17:48 seconds. (Hepp photo)





# Running the distance

by Beth Anacleto and Valerie Miller

Hard work, friends, and fun. These were the three words used by cross country teams to describe what proved to be a winning combination.

The boy's team finished with an excellent record of 7-2 for the regular season. Also, they advanced as a team to sectionals, regionals, and semi-state.

"We all worked very hard to qualify for semi-state," said Phillip Guerrero, senior. "During practice we'd run 5-8 miles, concentrating on speed and distance. Because coach likes to have fun, practice seems to go by faster."

The girl's cross-country team did well, also. They finished fifth in the sectionals at Lemon Lake, which qualified them to compete in the regional meet.

"We are the first Merrillville girls cross-country team to make it to regionals, and that really

meant a lot to us," said Juanita Toledo, junior. A main focus this year was to work together as a team while maintaining a positive attitude.

"Cross-country is a grueling sport. It takes no fewer than five strong (individual) performances to do well as a team. Therefore, we are always banking on a strong team performance," said Beth Colson, coach. Along with the sweating, the girls also had many fun times together.

"We had many good times, such as our camping trip, the T.P. adventures, and our trip to Indianapolis," said Bobbi Cunningham, sophomore.

"I was elated when Jessica Figueroa (freshman) advanced to semi-state; I was also pleased because (the number of) our members grew. Last season I finished with three runners, this season with 11," said Colson.



**CROSS COUNTRY-FRONT ROW:** Ann Gorman, Juanita Toledo, Christina Briggs. **SECOND ROW:** Stacy Elliott, Jessica Figueroa, Erin Yeoman, Tracy Eckels, Bobi Cunningham. **BACK ROW:** Beth Colson, coach; Jenny Metcalf, Elizabeth Simuic, Krista Richardson, Candi Cunningham, Wendy Swanke, manager.

## TREATMENT

Beth Colson, coach, adjusts Tracey Eckels', senior, wrap around her leg to avoid any further damage. (Hepp photo)

## IT FIGURES

|                | MHS     |        |
|----------------|---------|--------|
|                | Credits | Debils |
| Lake Central   | 39      | 19     |
| Hammond Morton | 15      | 0      |
| Portage        | 41      | 18     |
| MC Rogers      | 28      | 27     |
| Hobart         | 43      | 18     |
| Chenerton      | 20      | 19     |
| Valparaiso     | 30      | 25     |
| Township       | 21      | 20     |
| Sectionals     | 35      | 25     |
| Regionals      | 41      | 28     |



# Small teams bond, develop skills

by SHELLY  
BARTLEY

With small teams, the girl's and boy's golf team had to make the best of what they had.

Not only did the teams start from scratch, but all of the teammates had to adjust to each other.

Sandi Gray, senior, said, "Without all of the new members, MHS probably wouldn't have a team at all. Everyone got along really well because we helped each other out and we agreed on just about everything."

Jessica Vazquez, junior, said, "At the beginning of the season when it was raining an awful lot, the courses were really wet, and we still had to play. As I was walking along the outside of a sand pit, I slipped and slid down the side of the mini-hill at the golf course where we practice at."

Often the new team members

got support from more experienced players.

Jason Parkis, sophomore, said, "I really got a lot of motivation and support from the team. Brian has showed me a lot of new techniques and he has helped me."

But winning required more than support. In order to excel in this sport, the team members need many hours of practice at the Summertree Golf Course.

Even though the girls team got off to a rough start and did not win any matches (0-12), they bonded together to help one another.

"All of the girls encouraged me when I didn't do so good; this helped everyone out," stated Hope Simpson, junior.

Although the boys team had

only three returning golfers, the small team was an advantage.

Mike Navarro, sophomore, stated, "I think our team gets along pretty well. That's why we have such a good record. There are some benefits of having a small team because everyone will play and improve."

Even if the teams didn't win every game, members felt as though they achieved a lot in the season.

According to Tina Sikora, sophomore, "We did great considering only two players had played before. We came within two strokes of winning and got the closest we've been in two years of winning."

Being in golf not only helped players to be disciplined, but gave the team members an opportunity to improve a skill they can use the rest of their lives.



Girls Golf- FRONT ROW: Erica Walla, Sandi Gray, Hope Simpson, Jamie Aubin. BACK ROW: Kelly Walters, Missy Dobis, Cheryl Santos, Mike Hackett(coach).

## DISSATISFACTION

Expressing her frustration, Hope Simpson, senior, aligns her shot. Simpson was one of the few seniors on the team. (Perisho photo)





***YES!***

On his second shot of a Par 3, Jake Dobis, senior, watches to see where his ball will land at Turkey Creek Golf Course. (Perisho photo)



***CONCENTRATION***

Sandi Gray, senior, perfects swing. Gray had tremendous improvements in her season. (Perisho photo)

***STRATEGY***

John Schoop, junior, waits impatiently for the results of his last stroke. Only the patient can survive on the golf course. (Perisho photo)



Boys Golf- FRONT ROW: Mike Navarro, Jake Dobis. BACK ROW: Scott Webster, Joe Poplas, John Schoop, Max Hutchison (coach).

# Pirates play to potential

by TINA  
CARNIELLO

With a slap and a high five, the volleyball team was striving for success.

This year the volleyball team set out goals for themselves in hope to achieve each and every one of them.

"My goal for the season was to play to my potential, but also try to have a good time," said Michelle Marias, senior.

Other members of the team had different goals set.

Jamie Lashenik, junior, said, "I just hoped the team could win as many games as they could."

Besides setting goals, the girls also developed good mental attitudes.

"We had many strengths and weaknesses on our team. Our strengths were our good attitudes and personal relationships with others. Some weaknesses were

our lack of experience and height for hitting the ball," said Marias.

Despite some of the weaknesses, the team came extremely close to winning sectionals.

"During sectionals, I gave everything I had. I was determined to win. Although we lost, I really wasn't upset because I knew I had tried," said Joanie Sinar, senior.

So it was for sure that all the hard work had paid off.

"From August until October, we practiced everyday until 5:00 p.m. Also, we practiced in the summer including 6:00 a.m. running," said Marias.

On and off the court, the girls had a joke of slapping high fives before each play. "It was a joke slapping hands, but it also became an inspiration before each game," said Lashenik.



**VOLLEYBALL-FRONT ROW:** Rachel Torres, Jenny Herbert, Tania McDonald, Michelle Marias, Amy Frink. **BACK ROW:** Lorri St. Aubin, coach; Chrissy Pozgay, Nan Malerich, Meggan Lux, Joanie Sinar, Jenny Harms, Amy Beckham, coach.

## SPIKE THAT BALL!

Michelle Marias, senior, uses all of her strength and ability while spiking the ball over the net. Marias is a varsity member and has been playing for three years. (Perisho photo)





## HEADS UP!!

After a great save by Amy Frink, senior, teammates Michelle Marias and Joanie Sinar, seniors, set up for the play. MHS lost a close Duneland Conference match to La Porte. (Perisho photo)



## IT FIGURES

|                                 | Credits Debits |     |
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| Andreas                         | 0              | 2   |
| Lake Station                    | 1              | 2   |
| Griffith                        | 0              | 2   |
| Crown Point                     | 0              | 2   |
| Whiting                         | 1              | 2   |
| Lake Central                    | 0              | 2   |
| Hobart                          | 0              | 2   |
| Boone Grove                     | 2              | 0   |
| Lowell                          | 1              | 2   |
| Calumet                         | 2              | 0   |
| Portage                         | 2              | 1   |
| Hammond Noll                    | 0              | 2   |
| Munster                         | 0              | 2   |
| Chesterton                      | 0              | 2   |
| Hammond Morton                  | 2              | 0   |
| Valparaiso                      | 0              | 2   |
| M. C. Rogers                    | 0              | 2   |
| Highland                        | 0              | 2   |
| Hebron                          | 2              | 1   |
| La Porte                        | 0              | 2   |
| Merrillville Invitational       | 0              | 8   |
| Duneland Conference Finish: 5th |                |     |



## Mental preparation succeeds

by **KIM NASPINSKI AND DRAGA ILIEVSKI**

Screams and yells echoed Harrison Junior High on one fall Saturday afternoon.

Despite the bitter cold weather, many spectators gathered to watch a tennis match that would be one that the boys tennis team would remember the most. It was the first round of Sectional play against outstanding cross town rival, Andrean.

"This was the match we had been waiting for all year," said Bob Orelup, senior.

"We downplayed the significance of the match prior to sectionals. We wanted to use it as a learning match. One in which you play to win, yet try to determine which strategies are most effective," said Dave Zimmerman, coach.

Prior to the sectional match against Andrean, the team prepared both physically and men-

tally.

"I prepared physically by working during practice as hard as possible. My emotional preparation was basically revengeing the sectional loss to Andrean last year. I was trying to keep a positive perspective going into the match," said Bernie Orelup, senior.

"We would yell and hit each other to get us fired up," said Bernie Orelup.

The team was successful and beat Andrean (4-1), advancing to the finals in which they later won.

The girls tennis team, loaded with experienced seniors had a successful season as well.

Kim Naspinski, senior, was one of the team leaders.

"Being number one in singles, you run into extremely tough competition. I have set a goal for

myself that I can realistically reach, and that is to win more than half of my matches," said Naspinski.

"Kim (Naspinski) has picked up her game so much that she is beating people that beat her last year," said Zimmerman.

The doubles number one slot belongs to Jennifer Guzik and Meggan Lux, seniors.

"This year, Jennifer (Guzik) and I definitely want to make it to the state doubles and I also want our team to make it to the final four."

"Tennis is 50 percent mental and 50 percent physical. It is who is mentally prepared who will come out on top. Before matches, I have the team take a moment to think about and visualize the best tennis that they've ever played," said Zimmerman.

Consequently, both the boys and the girls tennis teams have successful seasons to look back on.



Girls Tennis- FRONT ROW: Jenny Guzik, Ann Gorman, Laura Bell, Kim Naspinski. BACK ROW: Larry Swanson (coach), Meggan Lux, Jenny Harms, Jenny Neeley, Heather Luebke, Ferrar Levinson (coach), Don Zimmerman (head coach).

### SHOP TALK

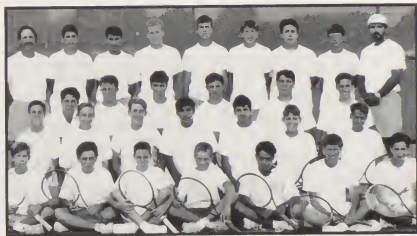
Dave Zimmerman and Ferrar Levinson discuss strategy on the new tennis courts. Surrounded by blowing dust and noisy construction equipment, the courts, though new, were anything but ideal. (Hepp photo)





### *CONTACT!*

Returning a hot smash, Bob Orelup, senior, displays his emotion when he fires the ball back over the net. Orelup helped his team beat rival school Andean in their 13-3 winning season. (Moke photo)



Boys Tennis- FRONT ROW: Freshmen, names unavailable. SECOND ROW: Paul Puskar, Rich Stazinski, Arte Emmanotlidis, Eric Culp, Terry Zapinski. THIRD ROW: Bill Vasilopoulos, Bob Orelup, Ted Tsagris, Bernie Orelup, George Vasilopoulos, Ken Dobiecki. BACK ROW: Larry Swanson (coach), Chago Vaca, Chris Baker, Scott McNab, T.J. Lux, Karl Herr, Chris Bondra, Don Zimmerman (head coach).

### *STRETCHING*

Hitting the ball, Jenny Neely, senior, perfects her technique. Neely and Jenni Harmes went from number one J.V. doubles to the number two Varsity spot this year. (Hepp photo)



### INTENSITY

Striving to reach her goal, Christy Short, senior swims the breast-stroke. Short was one of the qualifiers who competed in the state meet. (Perisho photo)

### IT FIGURES

|            | Credits | Debits |
|------------|---------|--------|
|            | MIS     | OPP    |
| Andean     | 23      | 35     |
| Portage    | 50      | 15     |
| Griffith   | 15      | 49     |
| Hobart     | 19      | 43     |
| MC Rogers  | 17      | 43     |
| Munster    | 16      | 47     |
| LaPorte    | 23      | 32     |
| Valparaiso | 41      | 18     |
| Chesterton | 17      | 45     |



**GIRLS SWIMMING-FRONT ROW:** Margaret Toledo, Heidi Cook, Sara Litty, Monica Johnson. **SECOND ROW:** Randi Childress, Paula Litty, Danielle Ramirez, Kari Dombrowski, Cathy Navarro, Meg Gorman. **BACKROW:** Coach Rusty Berstien, Jenny Collie, Heather Stamate, Jessica Hodges, Melissa Pantelic, Christy Short.

### BOTTOMS UP!

Patty Trivacante, junior, displays her talent. This year's swim team qualified for state and finished up in a great season. (Perisho photo)





# Swimmers shave seconds (hair)

Splash! The MHS swim team wakes up to this refreshing sound every morning. But is it really that refreshing?

"The sport of swimming has to be the most demanding, both physically and mentally," said Jimmy Maness, junior.

Part of being on the swim team includes long hours of practice before and after school not to mention all the hours of weight training.

"We practice almost five hours a day. Swimmers must be very dedicated," said Maness.

Because of the many long practices, a special closeness develops between the members of the team.

"With the number of hours the team practices, we become very close. It is almost like a family," said Maness.

This closeness strengthens many friendships among the team members.

"The most enjoyable part of swimming on the team is being among friends," said Ryan Harrington, junior.

Goals for the season were set, but as a whole each swimmer's goal is to be better than before.

"My goal this season was to inform the swimmers on what it takes to be great, and for every swimmer to be better than he has ever been," said Rusty Bernstein, the boys' swim coach.

Bernstein was new this year, and he became responsible for the growth and maturity of the team.

"The early part of the season has been mainly a transition period. We had to adjust to the new coaching methods, but we were anxious to see the outcome of our sectional and state meets," said Maness.

New coaching methods meant new direction, and Bernstein has definitely done this for the team.

"I have hopefully given the team guidance and direction this season," said Bernstein.

As the girls come out of the water, covered in hair, and dripping wet, they greet their new coach, Rusty Bernstein.

In order to improve times, some members of the girls swim team didn't shave since this summer. "I haven't shaved since August," said Christy Short, senior.

Some of the girls swim team members didn't shave to build up

drag. Drag is the term swimmers use to describe the opposing force of the water. As the girls continue through season, their hair continues to grow, and more resistance builds up. Then finally when sectionals arrive they shave to give themselves a faster feeling in the water.

"There is a feeling psychologically that you will go faster in the water," commented Short.

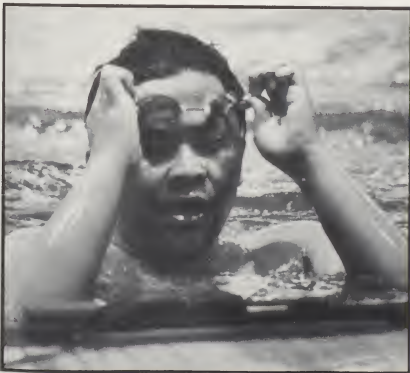
While they let their body hair grow, many of the girls chose to maintain a short hairstyle as well. "We don't want the hair that sticks out of our caps to give us drag," said Jacque Holderman, junior who shaved her neck of all her hair.

However not all of the girls felt it necessary to change their hairstyle. "I did nothing to my hair. I just didn't want to," said Paula Litty, senior. • Jason Pupek & Jill Semplinski

by Beth  
Anaclerio and  
Valerie Miller

## IT FIGURES

|                | MHS     |        |
|----------------|---------|--------|
|                | Credits | Debits |
| Lake Central   | 59      | 19     |
| Hammond Morton | 15      | 0      |
| Portage        | 41      | 18     |
| MC Rogers      | 28      | 27     |
| Hobart         | 43      | 18     |
| Chesteron      | 20      | 19     |
| Valparaiso     | 30      | 25     |
| Lowell         | 21      | 20     |
| Sectionals     | 35      | 25     |
| Regionals      | 41      | 28     |



**BOYS SWIMMING-FRONT ROW:** Jerome Miller, Scott Mulshan, Dave Greenburg, Jason Janizenski, Eric Randolph, Chuck Stapsink **SECOND ROW:** Rusty Bernstein, Brandon Grace, John Sell, Rich Sargent, Dan Navarro, Alan Hepp, Grant Miller, John Sutt, Lorna Keatings **BACK ROW:** Phil Guerrero, Ryan Harrington, Jim Maness, Gary Lucia, Ashly Lake, Gary Whitaker, Mario Butler Del Rio, Lary Schiefer

**TOO MUCH CHLORINE!**  
Trying to focus, Mark Laurel, junior, takes a breather from a hard workout. The boys swim team worked hard to make the season a success. (Perisho photo)



# Hard Work = Success

by TINA  
CARNIELLO

"I was scoring a five point reversal and near fall, just waiting for the match to end. Realizing that you have won the match is one of the best feelings ever," said Dennis Watson, senior.

Just like many other sports this year, the MHS wrestling team had a lot to smile about. They set goals for themselves.

"My goal was to do the best we could and take first place in the sectionals," said Josh Fedorchak, junior.

And the wrestling team did exactly that and more. With three members of the wrestling team going to state, Dennis Watson, Joe Clark, and Ted Phillips, nothing was in the way of the unstoppable Bucs. Although the team proved to be unstoppable, it took much training to get to their particular goals.

"We practiced everyday but it was more of a mental practice than physical because if you

weren't conditioned by then you would never be. The practices were just more technique," said Watson.

Besides practicing, there was also a way of psyching themselves up. "To psyche yourself you have to see yourself doing the moves and doing them successfully. You have to picture yourself winning the match and not think too much about the other wrestler," said Watson.

Another aspect that brought the wrestlers to the top was their great coaching staff.

"Coach Cameron wanted the guys on the team to work as hard as they could and to give one hundred percent in every match. He made me feel like I had to win for the team," said Curt Waldron, senior.

So it can be seen through practice, hard work, and determination, athletes can meet each goal they desire.



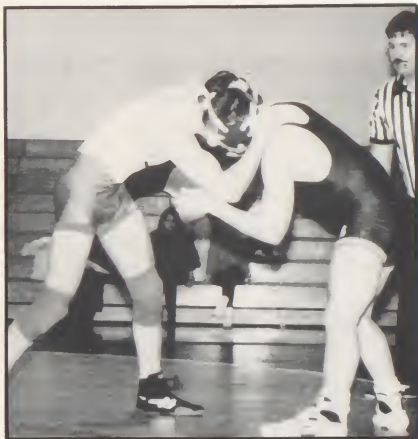
WRESTLING-FRONT ROW: Sid Rivera, Joe Luna, Mike Guzman, Greg Smith, Jason Berk, Kevin Bobos, Dan Garza SECOND ROW : Sean Motley, Tim Lavery, Ed Brant, Dan Gilfilan, Ray Lucero, John Tabor, Dan Harvey, Heath Lang THIRD ROW: Curt Waldron, Rob Frey, Josh Fedorchak, Mike Pace, Dave Vode, Ted Phillips, Joe Loemer FORTH ROW: Ann Gorman, Assistant Coach Chris Joll Margaret Toledo, Kevin Bobos, Joe Lagura, Dennis Watson, Joe Clark, Mike Mixcell, Mandy Snover, Becky Williams, Assistant Coach Larry Swanson, Head Coach Tom Cameron





### STATE CHAMPION!

During a celebration of sports, Dennis Watson, senior, acknowledges cheers from the stands. Watson was the state champion in the heavyweight division. (Radcliffe photo)



### IT FIGURES

|               | Credits | Debits |
|---------------|---------|--------|
|               | MHS     | OPP    |
| Crown Point   | 27      | 0      |
| Portage       | 20      | 0      |
| M. C. Rogers  | 13      | 0      |
| Valparaiso    | 13      | 7      |
| Andean        | 14      | 0      |
| Hobart        | 13      | 12     |
| LaPorte       | 28      | 7      |
| Sectionals    |         |        |
| WestSide      | 53      | 0      |
| E. C. Central | 13      | 26     |

### LOCKING HEADS

Josh Fedorchack, junior and a Portage wrestler put each other to the test. Fedorchack was of the top team scorers. (Radcliffe photo)

### I GOT YOU, BABE!

During an intense match, Curt Waldron, senior, and a Portage wrestler get down to business on the mat. "Do it on the mat" was the team's motto for the season. (Radcliffe photo)

# Gymnasts strive for the top

by KIM  
NASPINSKI

"Working together we are unstoppable."

This is just one of the phrases that the gymnastics team uses to inspire them to do well.

Throughout the gym, colorful banners and signs are hung to show their enthusiasm and their desire to be the best that they can be.

"The signs remind us to keep a positive attitude and to push ourselves a little farther which is easy to forget when you're tired or just having a bad day," said Chrissy Lisch, senior.

Togetherness is part of the M.H.S. gymnasts' attitude. Breakfast and lunch gatherings are just some of the team's activities.

"Because the team is so close, everyone encourages one another to do better. We also tried to push each other to do the best we can," said Jenny Byran, sophomore.

Captains Jodi Campbell, senior,

and Lisch give inspirational team talks to inspire their teammates.

"Our captains are the reason why our team is so close and motivated. Before meets, they give us encouraging cards and other little things that help us get motivated," said Bryan.

The gymnasts dedicate 15 hours a week in the summer and nine hours during school towards practices. But, most feel it pays off in the end.

"The more a person practices, the better they get. There is a lot of competitive teams and you need to practice as much as possible," said Cindy Brown, sophomore.

The gymnasts goal each year is to win state. In the past few years they fell short of this goal.

"We don't set goals too high. If they were too easy, the team wouldn't practice as hard. If goals are set high, the gymnast will

strive harder to reach them," said Brown.

Because most MHS gymnasts in the past have done so well, the girls have a tradition that they are expected to continue. It is not unusual for them to be expected to always strive to do well in competitions.

"I enjoy that type of pressure. It lets us know that our teachers, friends, etc., care about us. It makes us work harder in order to live up to our reputation," said Lisch.

But, the real reason why some participate in this sport is to have fun.

"I think that if we concentrate on enjoying ourselves just as we work on bettering ourselves, we will perform better," said Lisch.

So, the painted signs and inspirational slogans motivate the gymnastics team into giving it their best.



GYMNASTICS- First row: Lisa Zak; Becky Schrieber; Sarah Parrish; Jenny Bryan; Cindy Brown. Second row: Tiffany Albee; Staci Skura. Back row: Kim Gutierrez; Chrissy Lisch; Coaches Diane and Bill Roberts; Jodi Campbell; Kristin Lucia.





**PRACTICE, PRACTICE**  
During an after school practice, Stacey Skura, sophomore, works on her beam routine. The gymnastics team spent many hours after school practicing. (Perisho photo)



### CONCENTRATE!

At a meet, Kim Gutierrez, junior, concentrates on her routine. She placed in the state competition in Indianapolis. (photo compliments of Merrillville Herald)



### IT FIGURES

|             | Credits    | Debits       |
|-------------|------------|--------------|
| Lowell      | MHS 102.10 | OPP 79.10    |
| Hobart      | 110.10     | 105.15       |
| LaPorte     | 101.30     | 86.65        |
| Portage     | 105.80     | 104.30       |
| Chatterton  | 110.60     | 103.15       |
| Valparaiso  | 111.50     | 111.15       |
| Crown Point | 112.85     | 66.05        |
| Sectionals  | 110.60     |              |
| Regionals   | 108.60     |              |
| State       | 110.80     | State Record |

### LOOK OUT!

Chrissy Lisch, senior, practices her routine on the uneven bars. Lisch placed first on the uneven bars at the state competition in Indianapolis. (Perisho photo)



## Team develops skills, friendships

by VALERIE MILLER

Integration of special education and regular education students is a new change in the Unified Basketball Team this year. In previous years the regular education students practiced against the special education students. But now they practice and compete together—which seems much more effective.

"The regular education students improved the skill level of the special education students. It demands them to work harder," said Barb Dlouhy, special education teacher.

During the games three special education athletes and two regular education partners play at one time. Out of the 11 players on the team, six are special education

and five are regular education.

"I liked having partners around us. It was something new to try. It makes you work hard, and I got better this season," said Robert Watson, junior.

The ultimate goal of the Unified Basketball Team is to promote positive communication and teamwork. The players developed a lot of new friendships, and at the same time faced a challenge.

"It's better to have divided teams. It was a challenge for the team, and I made a lot more buddies," said Bret Tubbs, junior.

The team made it to sectionals where they played well, but lost

45-43 in double overtime against Valparaiso. Despite this loss the members were happy with the way they played and interacted with the other students.

"Our partners were good ball players who helped us a lot. They also became our friends," said Mike Wilson, senior.

The coaches and the members were pleased with the success of the team. Not only did they play well together, but they had fun doing it.

"The team was really great this season. The most important part of combining the regular and special education students was so that they could make new friends and have fun. I feel this goal was accomplished," said Dlouhy.



### ROLL CALL

Accepting their pennants at sectionals, the unified basketball team lines up for recognition. This was the first year the team was a combination of special education and regular education students. (Kissinger photo)

### TWO POINTS

Going for two more points at the foul line, Bobby Loomis, concentrates his form. With the new combined team, the players all benefited from the fun and new friends. (Kissinger photo)



# "Whoosh!" Fan support skyrockets

by JENNY  
PASKO

All was silent throughout the new gym. Not a person was moving. WHOOSH! Another fire throw was made. The fans went wild!

This year's boys basketball team had to overcome many obstacles. First it was playing the first few home games away from home. Then it was the lack of fan support. Then it was getting use to the new floor in the new gym.

"We had overcome the early struggles of not having a home gym, traveling to Harrison for late practice, and the loss of players due to illness and grades. Also, we had our first seven games on the road. As a result, it really forced the team to together. The chemistry of the team and their hard work brought about great results," said Coach East.

Home games were then played at home, the new gym floor had been broken in, and the fan support turned out to be outstand-

ing!

The new gym and all the hype of the pep rally helped with the tremendous fan support throughout the games.

"The new gym has created a focal point; now there's something everyone can attend, almost on a weekly basis," said Coach East.

"The pep rally increased the number of people attending the games. We should have had a pep rally a long time ago," said Jamel Williams, junior.

Pep rallies gave direction to the student body so that when it was time for the real game, they would know the cheers and have enthusiasm for the game.

"The fans help us get motivated. The more the crowd cheers for the team, the more excited and enthusiastic I get when we're playing," said Erik Smith, junior.

"The fans are a very important part of motivation. It there is a dead crowd then the team will

probably play dead," explained Eugene Robinson, senior.

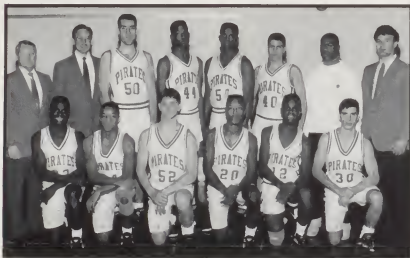
Garry Conn, Merrillville's true fan, attended all the games. His spirit and support was there even when the team lost. "Only when the team is doing well do the fair-weather fans come to the game," said junior, Zac Wells.

The team didn't seem to have much of a problem with fair-weather fan support this year. The team continued to win game after game.

"Bumping, thumping, hitting, knocking, yelling, breathing, ripping, bashing, and cussing," is what the basketball team hears on the court of every game according to Erik Smith, junior.

School spirit was a vital part in the success of the team. "It got their adrenaline flowing.

"I feel that the great fan support helped a great deal. Without them we could have never gotten to the top," David Joseforsky, junior.



**Basketball-** FRONT ROW: Marcellus Davis, Donnie Bankhead, Zac Wells, Eugene Robinson, Andre Bankhead, John Mishorich BACK ROW: Head coach Jim East, Asst. coach Mike Hackett, John Skrundz, Erik Smith, Antwon Hickerson, Dave Joseforsky, Jamel Williams, J. V. coach Ken Galiz

## Lay up!

Surrounded by Lowell Red Devils, Jamel Williams, junior, goes up for the shot during the Homecoming game. The game is the highlight of the homecoming activities. (Perisho photo)





### AIRBORNE!

Andre Bankhead, senior, leaps in the air while focusing on a perfect layup. The Pirates defeated Lowell for the Homecoming game. (Perisho photo)



### IT FIGURES

|               | Credits | Debits |
|---------------|---------|--------|
|               | MIS     | OPP    |
| Munster       | 90      | 30     |
| S. B. Kiley   | 69      | 64     |
| Hammond Clark | 86      | 54     |
| Low Wallace   | 68      | 55     |
| Hobart        | 47      | 46     |
| Roosevelt     | 58      | 57     |
| Chesterton    | 37      | 40     |
| Lake Central  | 62      | 62     |
| Hammond Cavit | 61      | 59     |
| Crown Point   | 66      | 54     |
| La Porte      | 92      | 66     |
| Andean        | 76      | 58     |
| M. C. Rogers  | 97      | 72     |
| Portage       | 70      | 56     |
| Valparaiso    | 59      | 56     |
| Highland      | 74      | 48     |
| East Chicago  | 59      | 40     |
| Lowell        | 69      | 63     |
| SECTIONALS    |         |        |
| Hobart        | 44      | 45     |

### THIS IS IT, NOW!

This is the last time I'm going to tell you, Coach Jim East seems to be yelling at the players. In order to get his point across, he must raise his voice much of the time. (Hepp photo)



# Experience, height hurt record

by MICHELLE  
BUDZEVSKI

Did you ever think that the girls varsity basketball team would consist of one senior and all the rest underclassmen?

That's the way the team was built this year.

The starting lineup consists of Kim Nuckles, senior, Jenny Heminger, junior, Chrissy Pozgay, Cheryl Santos, and Kim Evans, sophmores.

"Having the lack of experience and the height needed have hurt us this year," said Coach Steele.

"I think there are both good and bad points of being the only senior; I can see what the future is going to be and for this team, it's going to be great! The bad point however is the lack of experience. In a couple of years when there are a number of seniors, their record will show the experience," said Kim Nuckles, senior.

Like all sports, success is only achieved through making goals. The goals for this year were to

concentrate on improvement, learn the basics for offensive movements, and to be able to execute man to man defense by the end of the season.

"Our only goal was to mainly have a better record than last year and to win the games we knew we could," stated Heminger, junior.

Due to the construction, there have been many things that have hindered their abilities.

Some of these include having the times of practices always being switched, and there wasn't a home court to play on.

"Now that the boys' season has started, we are unable to play at Harrison and either have to play at Iddings or Pierce in which the courts aren't very good to play on," said Chrissy Pozgay, sophmore.

"Sometimes it can be difficult to schedule all of the other things that I need to do around my

basketball practice since we were always finding out new practice times and places daily," said Kim Evans, sophmore.

Despite the team's record, (4-14), the Lady Pirates still had high spirits and worked together.

"It's hard to stay 'up' when the team has a losing record. So we experience some anxieties and an overall let down. Generally speaking, however, the girls have a good attitude, but I would like to see a little more killer instincts," stated Coach Steele.

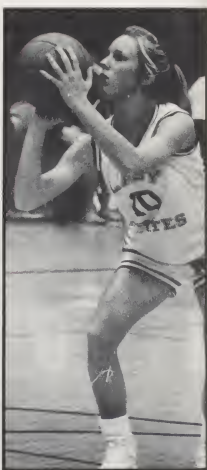
"In the beginning of the season, we had a lot of people working as individuals, but as the season progressed, we started looking out for each other. It's never too late to learn!" commented Nuckles.

"Seeing the improvement of the younger girls has been the most memorable moment here at MHS. I will be looking forward to their performance in the future," concluded Coach Steele.



Girls Basketball- FRONT ROW: Michelle Coear, Linda Palomchak, Cheryl Santos, Abby Vivo, Kim Nuckles, Kim Evans BACK ROW: Asst. Coach Bob Hoffman, Wendy Swanke (mgr.), Jenny Herbert, Jenny Heminger, Chrissy Pozgay, Erin Janovsky, Lori Madglin, Jenny Smith (mgr.), Head Coach Lori Steele

**PRECISION**  
Concentrating hard on making a free throw, Jenny Heminger, junior, goes for two points against Gavitt. Many of the games were played at Harrison due to construction. (Bartley photo)





### OVER HERE!

Breaking away for a pass, Carrie Zapinski, sophomore, tries to get her teammate's attention. The girls basketball team was made up of mostly underclassmen this year. (Hepp photo)



### IT FIGURES

|              | Credits | Debits |
|--------------|---------|--------|
| Munster      | 21      | 77     |
| Cavit        | 53      | 36     |
| Crown Point  | 24      | 74     |
| LaPorte      | 34      | 63     |
| Chesterton   | 32      | 70     |
| Portage      | 35      | 65     |
| Highland     | 37      | 42     |
| Andean       | 51      | 48     |
| Lew Wallace  | 40      | 51     |
| Roosevelt    | 49      | 36     |
| East Chicago | 40      | 67     |
| Hobart       | 30      | 41     |
| Vesperaux    | 22      | 98     |
| Gary West    | 21      | 65     |
| Calumet      | 41      | 29     |
| Rogers       | 41      | 63     |
| Bishop Noll  | 31      | 43     |
| Crown Point  | 18      | 45     |

### ANTICIPATION

One of the characteristics of this year's team was its number of underclassmen. Every minute on the bench or in the game was an educational one which will prepare the girls for next year. (Bartley photo)

# Pirates bond, work together

by MICHELLE  
BUDZEVSKI

When one hears "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" or "Let's play ball," the MHS baseball team may come to mind.

This year the baseball team got off to a good start by winning most of its pre-season games. This was good for the team because it brought their spirits up and gave them the experience needed.

Not only are they out there to practice as a team, but they have a special closeness and work like a family.

As stated by Shawn Longacre, junior, "We are like family; we care about each other. We joke around on the bus or at practice, but when we are in between the white lines, we are all business."

Although the Pirates fell short last year of capturing the Sectional title, they return this year as still having it one of their top goals.

"My goals for this year are to play as a team, work hard, and win Conference. Finally, our most important goal is to go on to Sectionals and play one game at a time," said Doug Musgrove, senior.

Despite the construction, the team has had to make some adjustments. Some of these can either be where the games were played and the places where practices were held.

"We practice at the Legion Field in Crown Point if it doesn't

rain. We practice for a couple of hours on the nights that we don't have games," said Jack Lashenik senior.

"There aren't any drawbacks of the team because we are a team and we play as a team. We're awesome!" said Musgrove.

Besides having all of the games and practices, baseball can bring about long lasting friendships and memorable moments.

"One of my most memorable moments was when we beat Chesterton 2-1 in the last inning of the game," said Dave Joseforsky, junior.

Much of that all-American pastime is memorable... so "let's play ball!"



## DECISIONS!

Part of MHS's "BBC" (Bench Boys Club), Ken Dobiecki, Jim Wirtes, Shawn Longacre, juniors, and Steve Jamrock, senior, try and decide who will be their choice as the pick-to-click. The Pick-to-Click was a ritual done every game by the "BBC" members so that they could keep into the game. Mark Nelson and Tom Shubert, seniors, listen intently, hoping to be someone's pick. (Perisho photo)



Baseball- FRONT ROW: Jim Wirtes, Jeff Trivette, Ken Dobiecki, Steve Jamrock, Mark Nelson. SECOND ROW: Jack Lashenik, Grant Miller, Shawn Longacre, Tom Shubert, Eugene Robinson, Zac Wells. BACK ROW: Fenton Mackie (coach), Mike Krutz (coach), Dave Joseforsky, Steve Hamilton, Bill Roberts (head coach).



### ***STRIKE THREE!***

Warming up before the LaPorte game, Dave "the Jerk" Joseforsky, junior, prepares to take the mound and tack another win onto his record. MHS beat LaPorte 1-0 in nine innings. (Perisho photo)



### ***PLAY BALL!***

With utmost concentration, Doug Musgrove, senior first baseman, receives the ball during the Portage game. MHS won this game and finished the season with a 20-8 record. (Perisho photo)



# IT FIGURES

## Young line-up proves dedicated

by ROB PERISHO

Dedication.  
Improvement.

Both of these words describe the MHS softball team.

One of the unique things about the team was that it consisted of a very young lineup.

In fact, there was only one senior starting for the team. With such a dedicated, young team there was always opportunity for improvement.

Amy Frink, junior, stated, "I think our team did quite well. With a newer lineup of players, we did great. We may not have started off on the right foot, but we sure ended great. The team really came together and did a great job."

Ending on the right foot is true. The girls seemed to have trouble in the beginning, but once they

started winning, nothing could stop them.

"Once we started winning, I got really motivated. Even though I'm not on varsity, I was there for the team just cheering them on. I think just having people there helps the team a lot," said Shelly Bartley, junior.

There was also a tremendous amount of improvement in the girls' abilities.

"Around mid-season a lot changed. We started off weak and got a lot stronger," said Michelle Marias, junior.

The highlight of the season was indeed the Highland Sectional.

"The whole team came together and worked well under pressure. I knew we could do it, if we just tried our hardest," said Marias.

The team worked extremely hard and after the girls began their winning streak, the efforts paid off.

"I practiced about three hours a day, six days a week. It's a lot of hard work and takes dedication. But all of this hard work showed out in the end," commented Frink. But working together for all those practices proved to have some advantages.

"The team is so helpful to me. We've all grown up together and have lots in common," stated Kristen Mitch, junior.

The team is now sectional champions and are prospering their way into regionals.

"Now that we're going to regionals, I'm getting really psyched. With all the extra practices, hard work, and dedication, I know we can do it," said Frink.

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| Green Point  | 5       | 6      |
| LaPorte      | 6       | 2      |
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| Griffith     | 2       | 1      |
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| Munster      | 6       | 5      |



Softball- FRONT ROW: Belinda Medellen, Hope Jusko, Patti Craig, Lisa Tresnowski, Lea Frink. SECOND ROW: Michelle Marias, Alison Krysa, Noel Hosfeld, Jenny Heminger, Danielle Collins, Amy Frink. BACK ROW: Pat Mulloy(coach), Cheryle Smith, Chrissy Pozgay, Erin Granowski, Bob Bergeson(coach).

**EYE ON THE BALL**  
Practicing her catch, Michelle Marias, senior, perfects her skills. Marias was a key player on this year's softball team. (Kissenger photo)



### *STRIKE*

Getting into the game, Amy Frink, senior, pitches her last season for MHS. This year the softball team finished well over all. (Moke photo)



# Teams isolate moves, improve

by ZAC WELLS

Determination, dedication, and desire. These are three words that summarize the attitudes for those students of the guys and girls track teams.

Track is much more than just running around in a circle until your legs fall off. Much of the practice time for certain events is spent learning the proper technique so that the athlete can get the maximum result from his or her effort.

"I would say that we spend well over half our time practicing the different phases of throwing a disk or shot-put. We do this by isolating the different parts of a throw and repeating it until we have it done perfectly," said Wayne Lile, junior.

"During practice, I usually go off to the side and practice my glide-steps while the rest of the people run. I think that I spend

more time practicing throwing the disk and shot more than all else," said Tina Sikora, junior.

Although form is of major importance to those in field events, conditioning plays a major part in the success of those in running events.

"The amount of success really depends on the individual in the long distance events. We usually get sent out to run on our own, so those who don't want to get better can take shortcuts. However, for those individuals that want to make this a good season it boils down to just pushing yourself until you can't go any further," said Josh Shafer, junior.

"Coach works us really hard in practice so we are ready for the meets. Sometimes I feel like I can't run any more, but I know if we are to be successful then

we had better do what coach said," said Dawn Terek, senior.

Even though the practices are hard and the victories are short-lived, it is still worth all the aches and pains to cross the finish line with the rest of the competitors looking at your back.

"The worst parts of track are the hard practices and just before the events when I'm nervous. The best part of track is when you cross the finish line in first place. That's what you really strive to achieve," said Toby Miles, junior.

"Much of the competition is very tough this year, but coming in first place will be the ultimate feeling," said Erin Jones, junior. No matter how the season turns out the attitudes of this year's track teams as well as those of year's to come will stay the same.



Girls Track- FRONT ROW: Tracey Eckels, sheryl Santos, Monica Johnson, Juanita Toledo, Linda Polomochak. SECOND ROW: Christina Briggs, Jessica Figueroa, Andrea Wirtz, Laura Filan, Stacy Elliott, Dawn Terek, Erin Jones. THIRD ROW: Marie Brogaard, Jenny Metcalf, Kristen Lucia, Marie-Claire Foster, Jenny Herbert, Jenny Collie, Chrissy Pluchinsky, Rachel Derico. BACK ROW: Becky Ebbert (coach), Beth Colson (coach), Katie Grimmer, Julie Mansell, Krista West, Rochelle Shelby, Wendy Swanke, Sarah Hummel, Debbie Verbeke (coach), Joe Atria (head coach).

## NO PAIN, NO GAIN

Joe Atria, coach, wraps the injured foot of Marie Brogaard, senior. Many runners need the extra support of a wrap. (Moke photo)



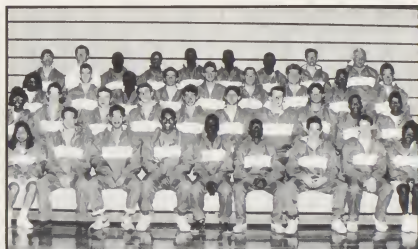


### WINGS OF FLIGHT

Practicing before a meet, Jesse Bell, senior, jumps a hurdle. (Moke photo)

### THIRST-QUENCHER

Caught off guard, Larry Schieffer, junior, takes a swig of his favorite Gatorade drink. (Moke photo)



**Boys Track- FRONT ROW:** Alexandra Mitchell, Dan Navarro, Mario Butler-DelRio, Tony Bartolomeo, Jason Kissinger, Michelle Mayers. **SECOND ROW:** Ronicia Rose, Gary Lucia, Ryan Parlock, Ryan Harrington, Phil Guerreo, Jason Wojchowski, Phil , Russel Banks, Toby Miles. **THIRD ROW:** Alan Hepp, Mike Pace, Harry Sims, Josh Schaeffer, Wayne Lile, Mike Mikesell, Chris Radcliffe , Coach Klinkenbeard. **BACK ROW:** Larry Zemala (coach), Ken Coudret (head coach), Donnie Bankhead, Chris Brown, Jamel Williams.



# Varied cultures, sexes unite

by SHARON  
NAWROCKI  
AND JENNY  
PASKO

Is that a boy with long hair, or is that a girl? The boy's...er...a...co-ed soccer team is on the go. At MHS, if there is no girl's team of a particular sport, then the girls who want to attack a sport will have to charge on with the guys.

Kim Nuckles, a senior girl, the only girl on the soccer team, has been brave enough to let her athletic abilities take control. Nuckles has been playing soccer for three years and has finally added soccer to her list of active sports.

"Basketball is really my main and favorite sport, but since the season was over, I wanted to keep busy, stay fit and have fun.

And since I already knew how to play soccer and used to be on a team, I decided to join," Nuckles said. With a girl on the team, the guys certainly have an opinion to offer regarding a girl playing.

"A girl on the team adds some variety to it (soccer). It might give other girls an incentive to come out, and maybe eventually have a girls team," said Bob Orelup, senior.

Orelup is one of the four captains, which include Jake Cseke, Valentin Cesljarev, and Bernie Orelup, all seniors.

This year the captains have shown a lot of strength in ability and in closeness within the team.

"I feel proud. I feel proud I was chosen so that I can lead the team," said Bernie Orelup.

Using a quote from Wayne Campbell in Wayne's World, Cesljarev expresses his gratitude in being chosen a team captain, "It makes me feel kind of funny, like when I climb the rope in gym class," he said.

For a team to do well, the team has to be united. They must work together to win. One person alone does not win the game; it's a group effort.

"Even though there are many cultures on our team, everyone seems to bond together, unite as one group. It's like a melting pot," said Bob Orelup.



Soccer- FRONT ROW: Santiago Vacca, Derek Wilson, Tom Shultz, John Vlahos, Harry Zairis, Tom Ilievski, Kevin Mesarch, Terry Zapinski. SECOND ROW: Dallas Wells, Tip Sopko, Chris Wilkerson, Jon DuPlaga, Bob Orelup, Lupce Kajmakoski, Trajee Neskooski. BACK ROW: Ron DuPlaga (asst. coach), Emmanuel Papadakis, Warren Connor, Marcello Monterio, Sjvero VanEraat, Peter massow, Bernie Orelup, Bob Jackowski (coach).



## ***LISTEN UP!***

As several players listen closely, soccer coach Bob Jackowski tells what the plan is. The soccer team went under many changes this year. (Perisho photo)



### ***LOOKOUT!***

As he runs down the field, Darren Lyngel, senior, concentrates on the ball. The soccer team will be losing several talented seniors next year. (Perisho photo)



### ***LET'S GO!***

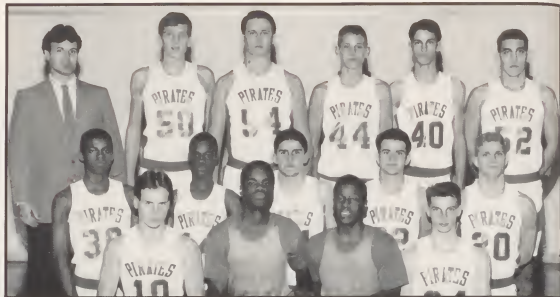
Watching his team play. Terri Zapinski, freshman, waits to go in. Many freshmen were involved in varsity sports. (Perisho photo)

### ***WHO'S OPEN?***

As he strains to get the ball into play, Dan Franz, senior looks for an open player. (Perisho photo)

## JUNIOR VARSITY TEAMS

**Boys Basketball**-FRONT ROW: Jeff Krol, Clarence Harris, Lavon Chandler, Mark Hamilton. SECOND ROW: Tori Hughes, Paul Harris, Pat Schultz, Adam Byrom, Geoff Cronowski. BACK ROW: Ron Galik (coach), Brian Delich, George Burke, Brett Rodak, Ryan Shelton, John Furto.



**Girls Basketball**-FRONT ROW: Erin Janovsky, Jenny Herbert, Michele Borman, Lori Modglin, Abby Vivo. SECOND ROW: Laura Pitan, Carrie Zapinski, Christina Celakoski, Leah Frink, Laurie Maness. BACK ROW: Wendy Swanke, Bob Hoffman (coach), Lori Steele (head coach), Sandy Wallerzko, Jenny Smith.



**Volleyball**-FRONT ROW: Angie Harris, Shelly Boediker, Patti Craig, Josie Arena, Carri Zapinski, Jamie Lashenik. BACK ROW: Lorri St. Aubin (coach), Jamie Bartowchowski, Megan Evans, Rachel Torres, Marie Brogaard, Marie Foster.





**Tennis-** FRONT ROW: Jamie Lashenik, Joanna Gulf, Stephanie Perryman, Jenny Metros, Lara Tamalumis, May Lee. BACK ROW: Don Zimmerman (coach), Katie Paull, Kristin Sommers, Kim Evans, Kristina Phillips, Lisa Bell, Michelle Lenart, Larry Swanson (coach).



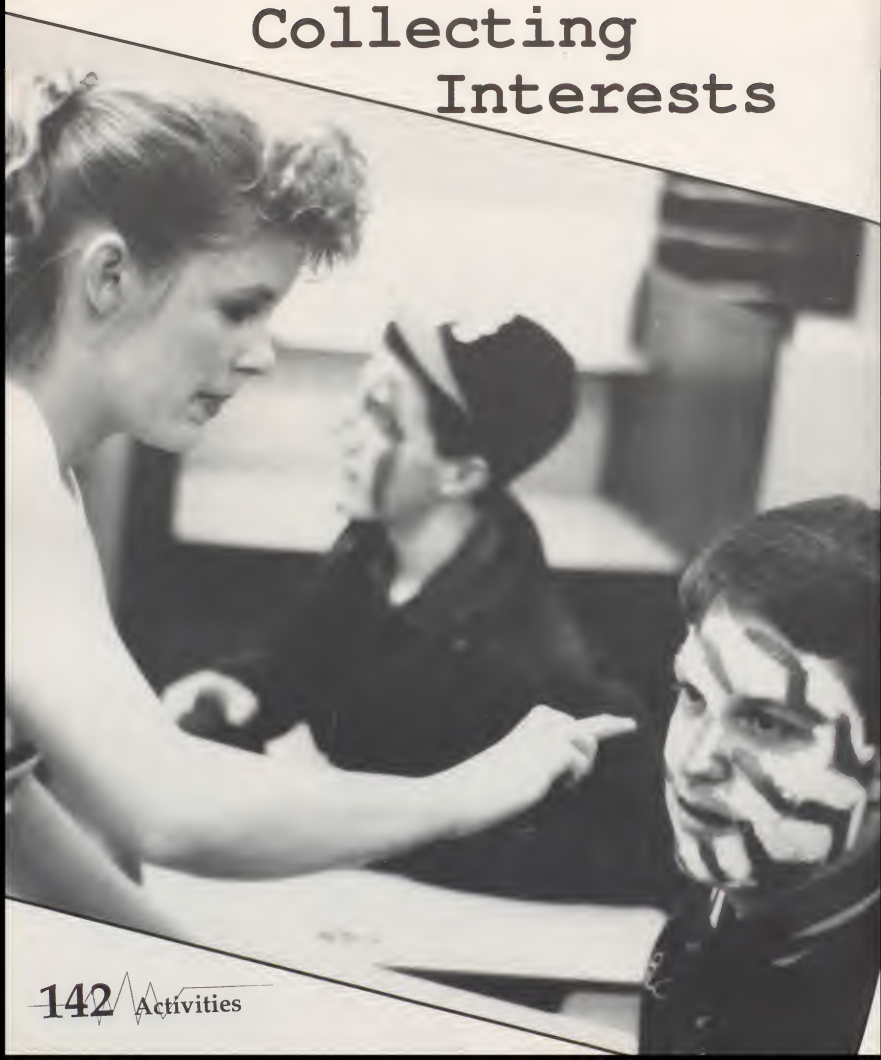
**Baseball-**FRONTROW: Ted Phillips, Alex Correa, Jason Little, Tim Lavery. SECOND ROW: Rudy Guterrez, Eddy Sob, Victor Lopez, Ray Luceno, Paul Pascar. BACK ROW: Chris Baker, Brien Delich, Ben Parrish, Geof Cronowski.



**Softball-** FRONT ROW: Sara Nicholls, Bobbi Cunningham, Alisa Zak, Cheri Hamilton, Michelle Jones. SECOND ROW: Megan Evans, Chris Hodgettes, Kristen Freeman. BACK ROW: Sandy Welizco, Candi Cunningham, Laurie Maness, Coach McNally.



*Activities...*  
**Collecting  
Interests**



## Involvement. What does it mean? To the activities at MHS it means a lot.

Dedication is one of the many reasons that organizations at MHS are so big. The number of different organizations that are offered is growing every year and the number of students involved in these groups is also growing. These activities are offered to help students **COLLECT THEIR INTEREST**. These activities are a way for students to interact with other students in a more relaxed environment than the classroom. Of course, each student has a different reason for joining these organizations. Some students find relaxation and fun in joining these organizations. Other people joined these clubs to help expand their academic knowledge and to put their minds to a challenge. Of course there are clubs which allow students to explore their creative side and to become more aware of all the different things their mind can do. These activities allow students to express themselves in different ways than they do in the classroom. They can be more creative and let their opinions and ideas come through in what they do which isn't always possible in the classroom. These activities also teach the students responsibilities they may never have come in contact with before. Most of these organizations help out the people in the community. They teach students to think of other people's feelings and problems instead of their own. These activities help make students aware of the problems in their environment and their community. These help students take responsibility for their actions and become more aware of the way their actions affect people around them. So when students feel the need to sit down and **COLLECT THEIR INTEREST** all they have to do is to join one of these groups. There they will find people who may be searching for the same goal that they are.

### ***HOLD STILL!***

Carefully Jennifer Jagiela, senior, paints, senior, Bob Orelup's face before the Hobart Sectional Basketball game. Many fans had their faces painted by the cheerleaders to show their spirit. (Moke photo)

### ***BAMM!***

Kicking up a sound, Chris Bronowski, junior, practices his new moves just before the Battle of the Bands concert at St. Andrews Hall. Many MHS were live in concert this year. (Perisho photo)





Pom-pom squad-FRONT ROW: K. Meyer, C. Otano, A. Carrigan, E. Meyer, K. Bailey. SECOND ROW: W. Olvera, K. Riea, P. Dora, K. Leaczynski, B. Minsinger, M. Mayers. THIRD ROW: T. Vivo, J. Leschenik, S. Pagel, M. Sopko, M. Maras, K. Nelson, M. Pienip, H. Gullimore, C. Parais. BACK ROW: T. Carrello, S. Nichols, B. Yager, J. Sinar, M. Lapsus, A. Dainich, J. Semplinski, P. Traficant.



Varsity Cheerleaders-FRONT ROW: Heather Stormer, Erin Jones, Jennifer Jagala, Veronica Anays, Jennifer Beck. BACK ROW: Hope Juako, Sarah Bernattein, Kim Napiinski, Dawn Terck, Kim Wahlman.



Junior Varsity Cheerleaders-CENTER: Wendy Adams. SECOND ROW: Diane Jaagala, Jenny Meirov, Angie Byrom, Kim Evans. BACK ROW: Mindy Hollandsworth, Michelle Mytiliwicz, Angela Mish.



Cheerleaders and Poms  
go above and

# BEYOND

Many people are unaware of all the extra activities MHS pom pon girls and cheerleaders participate in besides just games and practices.

These time consuming activities have brought on new experiences which many of the girls found to be quite enjoyable.

"I don't really know which activity I've enjoyed the most this year, but all I do know is that I like spending time with my friends. Everyone is very friendly, and they make the long practices fun," said Joanie Sinar, senior.

Third year member of the pom pon squad, Sinar was one of the thirteen girls who participated in a pom pon competition held at East Chicago Central High School.

"Because of the importance of the competition, we practiced almost everyday with each practice being at least two hours," said Sinar.

The squad placed fourth in the 1992 Indiana Dance Drill Team Competition held on February 8, 1992.

Admittedly, practice for competitions can be rather time consuming, but so can all day clinics for elementary school kids. Both the poms and cheerleaders sponsored clinics to raise money for new uniforms and such.

"Sharing a whole day with the grade school children can be a lot of fun. They are so cute. It is neat to have them look

up to you," said Jennifer Jagiela, senior.

Jagiela, member of the cheerleading squad, also participated in learning new lifting techniques at Purdue University.

"The thrill of experiencing something new with the Purdue lifters was an enjoyable moment for me," said Jagiela.

Certain cheerleaders went down to Purdue University for five Sundays to learn various lifting techniques from the Purdue boy cheerleaders.

"Working with the Purdue lifters was quite a fun experience," said Heather Stompur, junior.

The Purdue lifters and the cheerleaders performed at the opening of the new gym on January 31, 1992. The lifters and the girls entertained the audience with their display of various stunts and jumps.

Pom Poms and Cheerleading is a lot of hard work and dedication that goes beyond just being at the games.

•Jill Semplinski

*'Cheerleading is not just standing in front of the crowd. It involves a lot of hard-work, dedication, time and patience.'*

•Dawn Terek, senior



*HEY! HEY! HEY!*

Spirit is definitely portrayed by these two seniors, Kim Wahlman and Dawn Terek. To boost spirit, the cheerleaders used signs during the games.(Perisho)

*SMILE!*

Keeping their toes pointed, the pom pon squad performs their half-time routine. Performing the can-can is an enjoyed trafton.



Athletic events give pep club  
an opportunity to encourage

# SUPPORT

*L*et's go pirates! Students show their school spirit by screaming from the crowded stands. School spirit is an important factor of a good school, and MHS has definitely proved that.

"The number of people at the games affects the intensity. The more people, the more spirit," said Cyndi Meeks, junior.

The attendance at the football and basketball games has been excellent this year. Many students get involved with the school activities by attending the sports events

*"It's fun when all your friends  
are at the games. It's like a  
really hyper social event."*

•PAULA PASTOR

each weekend.

"School spirit has improved this year because we have an active pep club, and the support of the students," said Staci Lavery, junior.

Many things affect the amount of school spirit including spirit point activities, competitiveness between schools and rivalry between classes. These all play a role in the amount of school spirit at MHS.

"Spirit point activities promote school spirit because students want to go to the beach at the end of the year. It has also become a competition between classes," said Colleen O'Sullivan, junior.

Cheerleaders, pompons, and the whole student body are the main factors that affect the spirit at the games. Each week the cheerleaders make banners for the upcoming game.

"Having cheerleaders and pomps at the games gets everyone enthused. It peeps up the whole event," said Ryan Schaefer, junior.

Not only does support at the games help the teams, it also provides something to do on the weekends for many students. •Valerie Miller

## DRAMA

Holding her position with precision and confidence is Tammy Steev, junior. The flag corps members must practice long hours to learn their routines. (Perisho photo)



## CHECKMATE!

Patrick Tsai, junior, thinks hard about his next move during a chess match at a games club meeting. (Perisho photo)

## CHECKING IN

During the Valentine dance sponsored by the Sunshine Society, Monica Johnson, senior, checks guests in.



Pep Club—FRONT ROW: Tashie Davies, Lisa Lambson, Mindy Hefner, Colleen O'Sullivan, Rachel Denico.  
SECOND ROW: Michelle Vagus, Olga Focianez, Lisa Turley, Michelle Malocha, Amy Denham, Miss  
Pamalee, sponsor. BACK ROW: Allison Dainton, Valerie Miller, Stacey Lavery, Tina Sikora.



Games Club—FRONT ROW: Ed Mitchell, Scott Chubb, Heather Holland, Pat Tral, Jason Pappas, Mr.  
Stuelting, sponsor. SECOND ROW: Rob Alderman, Yara Druzishka, Rob Pershob, Brian Shultz. BACK ROW:  
Jeremy Vargas, Chris Pustelnik, Terry Pruett, Jesse Sotter.



Sunshine Society—FRONT ROW: Jenny Smith, Jaquita Toledo, Monique Johnson, Lisa Hernandez, Heidi Cook,  
Rendi Childress. SECOND ROW: Wendy Swank, Melissa Buggie, Tami Borman, Jerry Collie, Melissa  
Pamalee. BACK ROW: Kim Richardson, Kristy Fumero.



Flag Corps—Kelly Johnson, Karl Forman, Lisa Whittemore.



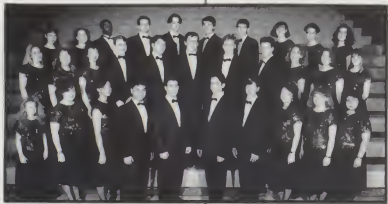
**Concert Band Woodwinds**-FRONT ROW: Tawny Robinson, Melissa Zavala, Amy Fazzari, Lisa Whittemore, Kelly Johnson, Danielle Goss. SECOND ROW: Allaine Rizer, Krista West, Maonita Braden, Kay Bailey, Keshia Hardyway, Kathy Lescynski, Ryan Sieberling, Sandy Weliczko, Amber Eich. BACK ROW: Erik Smith, Dan Greenwood, Vic Karbowiak, Benjamin Grace, Dave Schmick.



**Concert Band Brass**-FRONT ROW: Barb Brooks, Laura Fien, Wendy Woodburn, Elizabeth Meyer, Margaret Holland, Heather Holland. SECOND ROW: Joe Urfield, Mike Wolf, Dan Cera, Jeff Carwell, Mario Budes-Del Rio, Gary Lancia, John Dravich. BACK ROW: Anthony Walls, Thom Moffitt, Tom Dravich, Rob Alderman, Mike Henziger, Matt Kuzma.



**Vocalists**-FRONT ROW: James Lemniak, Lauren Peters, Linda Farmer, Wilfred Vivo. SECOND ROW: Tina Shultz, Melissa Baggie, Cathleen Fien, Cissy Short, Jamie Laskewich, Hope Jaska. THIRD ROW: Tim Sopko, Shawn Ravenscroft, Adam Byrom, Jennifer Hanna, Dave Centanni, Darren Lengyel, Chuck Stapiński. BACK ROW: Harry Sims, Jennifer Verbič, John Duplaga.



**Concert Choir**-FRONT ROW: Lisa Borens, Tina Shultz, Lauren Peters, Wilfred Vivo, Chuck Stapiński, Jim Lemniak, Tim Sopko, Angela Miah, Linda Farmer, Cathleen Fien. SECOND ROW: Karyl Breitner, Cathy Fien, Treary Conn, Mike Kosinski, George Vasilopoulos, Harry Sims, Shawn Ravenscroft, Darren Lengyel, Hope Jaska, Jamie Laskewich, Dawn Martin. BACK ROW: Melissa Baggie, Cissy Short, Mike Pasi, Adam Byrom, Adrienne Williams, John Duplaga, David Centanni, Jennifer Hanna, Mike Borens, Jennifer Verbič.



**Orchestra**-FRONT ROW: May Lee, Mira Naumowski, Gi-Hwee Lee, Joy Oliver, Juanita Toledo. SECOND ROW: Shauna Carlsle, Kirsten Olson, Elizabeth Christy, April Selagy, Jaime Fantin. BACK ROW: Barb Timmerman, Corey McDermott, Shaun Hwei Lee, Julie Matthews, Patrick Tsa.

When curtains rise and lights dim  
students look to the crowd and

# PERFORM

The ability to get on a stage and perform in front of hundreds of people isn't easy but these students do it. They put in long hours of work in school and out.

This year the Choir has put on many performances. The Vocalteens have performed at the Elks club, Lions club and at the Southlake Mall.

They have practices every Tuesday and Sunday nights, in addition to classtime.

Dave Centani, senior said, "Sure we practice a lot and work hard, but the end result is definitely worth it."

The orchestra has participated in Solo Ensemble, Organization Contest, Choral Feast, and had four concerts this year.

The orchestra has never really had a place to call home. They have played in the kitchen at Harrison Junior High, the band or choir rooms here at MHS and can now be located on the auditorium balcony.

Elizabeth Christy, senior, said, "Although we never have had an Orchestra room of our own. We managed to sound really good."

The band was involved in the fourth of July and the Memorial Day parade. They also gave annual concerts and performed at The Epcot America Plaza and Center at Disney Land in Florida.

The band has had some trying times this year but have made it through them.

David Schmik, senior, said, "It has been a tough year on all of us but we seemed to have made it through."

• Michelle Clark

*'We spend so much time together that we become very close, just like one big happy family.'*

• CATHY FILAN



## ALL EYES ON ME

Directing a jazz band rehearsal, Sue Williams, band director, demands her students' attention. After 18 years at MHS, Williams will no longer be the band teacher. (Perisho photo)

## HUFF AND PUFF

Tooting his own horn...John Drasich, sophomore, performs at a MHS basketball game along with the band. The band is a big support at MHS athletic functions. (Perisho photo)



Foreign language club members  
came together for a Christmas

# CELEBRATION

The French and Spanish club members joined together for the first time for a Christmas party in order to share the knowledge of the cultures.

Not only do both of these clubs express different cultures, but they all brought in different types of food that represented their country.

As stated by Joe Moke, senior, "Many members of the Spanish club brought in tortilla chips and different kinds of dips, a Mexican cinnamon drink, and Mexican rice."

Some of the French foods that were brought in included mousse, bread, crepes, hot chocolate, French cookies, and a hazelnut spread.

Not only did this party have lots of different food, but many group activities were sponsored. Some of them included exchanging gifts, the breaking of a pinata, and the singing of Christmas carols both in French and Spanish.

"I can remember when Mrs. Bertram batted enthusiastically at the pinata while everyone laughed," said Jessie Myska, a senior member of the French club.

Approximately 40 to 50 people showed up at this party. These festivities seemed to last for about an hour and a half.

"Even though everybody was having a good time and didn't want the fun times to end, it was time for everyone to leave," said Moke.

Marija Maric, senior, and the secretary of French club, said, "I think that everyone was involved in the party and definitely enjoyed learning about the other customs and traditions while still having a good time." •Michelle Budzevski

*"From the way everyone talked about it, I'm sure that this will be definitely the beginning for more group activities between both clubs."*

•JOE MOKE

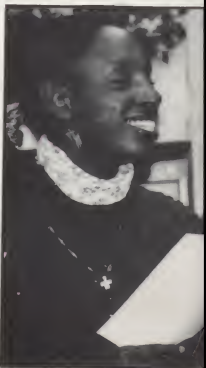


## TASTE-TESTER

Looking closely at the food in the cup, Valentin Cesljaren, senior, decides if he should be daring and taste the new foods. The French and Spanish foods were a highlight of the Christmas party. (Perisho photo)

## INSTRUCTION

Ray Hamilton, sponsor of the German club, shows new verb conjugations to the advanced third year German class. (Hepp photo)





### JA-LA-LA-LA...

Enthusiastically participating in the activities at the French-Spanish Christmas party, Cynthia Otano and Emmanuel Papadakis, seniors, harmonize together. (Perisho photo)

### WATERMELON?

Doing more laughing than singing, Laurie Peters, senior, and Nita Toledo, junior, join in on the fun as they attempt to learn carols in two languages at once. (Perisho photo)



Girls Choir-FRONT ROW: Cathy Almone, Dina Veris, Michelle Mayers, Becky Schreiber, Margaret Toledo. SECOND ROW: Jenny Burrell, Robin Phillips, Tonya Courington, Leandra Thames, Erin Murphy, Kathy Navarro, Tina Yurechko. BACK ROW: Jody Balcerak, Angie Byron, Amanda Snover, Christina Moffitt, Beneta Cookson, Jaqueline Harms.



Spanish Club-FRONT ROW: Mia Berman, Clotilde Monquich, Michelle Maras, Cynthia Otano, Tiffany Vivo, Coline Paz, Des Bowman. SECOND ROW: Allison Velez, Allison Krys, Laura Bell, Lisa Louche, Jennifer Beck, Kim Narspink, Tina Sukora. BACK ROW: Leo Doumarian, Fred Hong, Joe Moke, Ryan Shaver, Eric Lindbergh.



French Club-FRONT ROW: M. Enslin, V. Berta, M. Gorman, S. Fernandez, J. Lantieri, J. Seda, M. Marin, J. Myska, P. Litty, Mian Spino. SECOND ROW: C. Jernow, S. Tsang, M. Lee, A. Paskowski, S. Donaski, H. Holland, J. Schell, H. Gullimov, J. Lashenak, D. Bachelier, K. Richardson. THIRD ROW: T. Robinson, H. Lashenak, L. Tucker, K. Grimes, H. Stoenper, P. Panar, L. Polomchak, V. Nivon, V. Bormia, T. Eskels, C. Filer, K. Puzam. FOURTH ROW: J. Toledo, M. Valenti, J. Nozly, J. Carr, M. Paskilik, C. Bettin, T. Kostur, J. Harms, J. Arana, S. Gray, M. Paskilik.



German Club-FRONT ROW: Chuck Stapinski, J. Huiwei Lee, Tanice McDonald, Michelle Rappas, Meg Gorman, Pat Tsai. SECOND ROW: Rob Brodner, Tony Vassalon, Jason Wajo, Jason Kissinger, Bryon Iona, Jerry Hiedgus. BACK ROW: Dan Franz, Alan Slake, Grant Miller, Bhris Rhoder, Russ Banks, John Duplaga, Mike Pracher.



Academic Decathlon—FRONT ROW: Elizabeth Christy, Phyllis Lee, Kelly Johnson, Tina Shultz. SECOND ROW: Bruce Woods, coach, Leo Doumanian, David Cennami, Jan Edgcomb, coach. BACK ROW: Pat Tsai, Margaret Gorman, Rob Alderman.



Quiz Bowl—FRONT ROW: Christine Hickok, Heather Holland, May Lee. BACK ROW: Pat Tsai, Rob Alderman, Ryan Shaver.



Academic Spell Bowl—FRONT ROW: Gill Lewis Lee, Kristina Shultz, Christina Yurchuk. SECOND ROW: Evelyn Steiner, coach, Amy Denham, May Lee, Elizabeth Christy. BACK ROW: Mark Bane, Pat Tsai.



JETS Club—FRONT ROW: Byron Sica, Jon Peterson, Julie Lashenk, Heather Gallimore, Patrick Tsai, Bill Neuman. SECOND ROW: Dallas Wells, Rob Sell, Jeff Larp, Jason Santiago, Rob Brodner, David Schmuck, Scott McNab. BACK ROW: Ryan Banks, Marcello Moravia, Ryan Shaver, Jack Lashenk, Tom Tragit, Jim Vermillion, sponsor.





Students learn to cope with

# STRESS

Many teenagers nowadays have tremendous loads of responsibilities. Going to school, working, and having enough time for social life are among the many reasons students feel "stressed-out."

"The major cause of my stress was keeping all my grades up, and still getting all of my responsibilities done for clubs and sports," according to Meggan Lux, senior.

Distress, as bad stress is called, can make a person feel run-down and may cause muscle contraction headaches. Some study all-night for a big test and then experience 'test block' when the teacher sets the test down on the desk.

To relieve this "bad stress" students do a number of things. Some are theories, and others are tips that perhaps worked out once before.

Senior Vicky Nonos stated, "When I get stressed during the school day, I usually relieve it by joking around with my friends and try to make them laugh. This way during the seven minute passing time, I barely ponder the fact that I have a huge test next hour. My friends really help to keep my mind off whatever is bothering me."

And then there's the old saying "These are the best years of your life" or "You have it easy now, just wait 'til you get older."

"I really believe college will beat high school. There is more freedom for doing what you want," stated Lux.

Some teachers at MHS tell stories of their "horrid" college experiences, and how they wish they would have studied more in high school, and college

professors throw ten novels at the class, all to read in one night.

However, for some, college is too much to handle. In high school you are continuously coddled and reminded to study for tests and quizzes. There is always some policy to enforce everything. Once you hit college, the professors don't care if students complete their homework or study for the huge mid-term. It's not their problem, the student (or rather their parents) are paying the tuition, not the professor.

The phrase 'you're on your own now' is synonymous with going away to receive a college education.

But not all stress is bad. For example, the stress of going away to college is not bad stress, unless a student doesn't want to go away. That trip to the license bureau on the day of the big drivers examination isn't terribly calm either.

The point is, everyone adapts to stressful situations differently. It is up to the student to make the difference and know when to turn that stress into energy.

"Only the strong survive" should strike a memory chord with everyone. Students must think of different ways to channel that stress in order to become more successful.

•Christine Onoff and Angie Packovski

*"There is a lot of stress when you have to study late hours when you get home from practice to keep your grades up."*

•Jenny Heminger, junior

## POP!

During the water balloon event at the Physics Olympics, Pat Tsai and Tom Dzubila, juniors, try to stay clear of the water. The Physics Olympics is an annual tradition where teams compete in different events. (Perisho photo)

## HARD WORK PAYS OFF!

Studying for an academic competition, Meg Gorman, senior, and May Lee, junior, take a break to hear a story from Evelyn Steiner, their sponsor. MHS has four academic teams that compete against area schools. (Kissinger photo)



Staffers shed light on new

# SITUATIONS

Merrillville High School is going through many changes. And with these changes come problems. These problems were hard to deal with for the staff members of yearbook and newspaper, but they tried to live with it.

A major problem was for Rob Perisho, photo editor. When the yearbook and newspaper staff moved into their new room, Perisho had to deal with the problems in the darkroom.

"Having no running water in a darkroom is like having a town without a gas station," said Perisho.

"Naturally, in a situation like this, you have to improvise."

Perisho also had to deal with getting used to the new darkroom. He had to deal with a lot of problems in order to use the darkroom.

"The first problem was the darkroom had several light leaks which prevented us from doing any work for the first full two weeks," said Perisho. "Jason Kissinger, assistant photo editor, and I stayed after every day to cover all the light leaks."

"Another minor difficulty was the new light table that came with the sink," said Perisho. "The cord was severed by a construction worker and so it's now useless. That is until we get an electrician to come in."

Another change is the yearbook and newspaper staffs have a new adviser. Things are being run differently compared to last year. To some it is easy to adjust to and to others it is difficult. To Erin O'Deen, it's no big deal.

"I wasn't on staff last year, but from what I saw this year being on staff, it doesn't matter who teaches or how things are done, things haven't changed. As long as we get the work done."

Things in the new room are still a mess. Some still haven't adjusted to the room yet, but nobody seems to mind. Some find it hard and some find it easier to work in this type of environment.

"Oh yeah, a lot easier," said O'Deen. "The classroom is great if you have to rewrite or finish up a feature and the computer part is great if you have to type a story or put together a design. It's great. Having the rooms divided helps the staff breathe a little bit. We're all not on top of each other trying to do work."

So as you can see, it doesn't matter what's going on in the school, you just have to work around it and learn to live with it. By the looks of these people, they have learned to live with it.

• Lynn Holley



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Accepting her award, Khym Fought, senior, won third place in an editorial writing contest. The contest was held at Franklin College. (Bartley photo)

## 21, 22, 23, THAT'S ENOUGH!

Busy working, Kristen Kirn, Julie Obetovski, sophomores, and Chris Contri, senior, count out the newspapers. The paper comes out every two weeks. (Bartley photo)

*"There was a lot of chaos in the beginning of the year, but we dealt with each problem and every issue turned out better than the last."*

• Khym Fought, senior



Newspaper Staff-FRONT ROW: Lisa Tremsowski, Paige Packovaki, Sonja Domeski, Marija Marie, Tracey Eckels, Shelly Hermes. SECOND ROW: Mia Barzil, Kristen Kim, Jennifer Howell, Draga Barvski, Koryn Fought, Chris Contri, Jackie Come, adviser: Tijuana ROW: Jason Kinsinger, Julie Onetkowski, Christine Onoff, Amy Taylor, Chris Radcliff. BACK ROW: Joe Moke, Alan Hepp, Bryan Bowles, Chris Punteluk.



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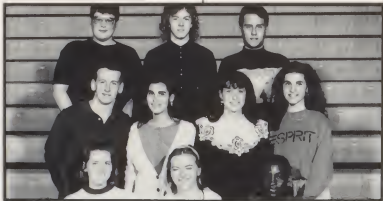
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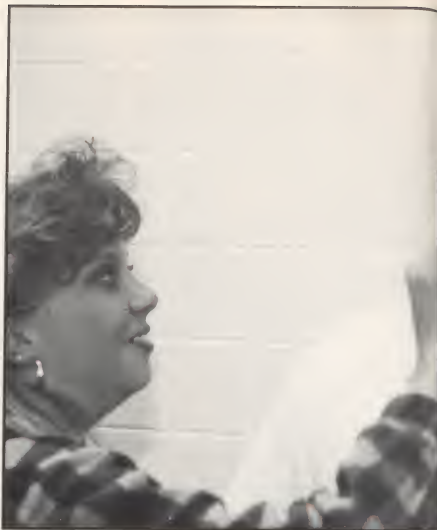
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**Creative Writing Club**-FRONT ROW: Jamie Lasbenik, Meg Gorman, Laurie Peters. SECOND ROW: Phil Cornick, Katie Grinnitt, Beth Colson, Michele Laopapa. BACK ROW: Rob Alderman, Chris Brownowski, Greg Piasieczny.




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### *MAKE-UP!*

An important part of dramatic productions is the appearance of the actors on stage under the bright lights. Lisa Whittemore, junior, applies make-up to Rob Alderman, junior, on opening night. (Perisho photo)





Between academics and jobs,  
students must work in the extra

# ACTIVITIES



## Effort.

This six letter word means different things to different people.

Effort is not only put forth in sports and in school studies but also many extra-curricular activities which is sometimes overlooked.

Monica Johnson, senior, is involved in many activities including Sunshine Society, Student government, senior commencement planning committee, and senior secretary.

You must wonder how much time Johnson spends with all her activities and how she budgets her time.

Johnson said, "It depends. Sometimes there are many things to take care of. Other times there are not. One activity that took a lot of time was the senior wall."

David Centanni, senior, also agrees that these activities can sometimes be a little time consuming.

"Sometimes I never have anything to do and all of the sudden it becomes extremely busy all at once," said Centanni.

Besides the effort, these extra activities not only take meetings but also work at home.

Beth Christy, senior, said "I spend an hour to two hours after school four nights a week, and that is just for meetings. If you are on the academic teams you also have to spend a lot of time studying."

Effort is not only put forth in school but also many extra-curricular activities. •Tina Carniello

*"I spend an hour to two hours after school four nights a week, and that is just for meetings. If you are on the academic teams you also have to spend a lot of time studying."*

•BETH CHRISTY



## PRACTICE

Practicing for a speech meet, Tiffany Vivo, junior, goes over her transitions and gestures with Mike Zolfo, speech coach. (Moke photo)

## DECISIONS

Sorting through photographs, Phil Gornick, junior, tries to choose the best prints for the new literary magazine, the *Ink Syndicate*. The magazine was the project of the creative writing club sponsored by Beth Colson. (Hepp photo)



New activities form in order  
to adapt to a changing MHS

# INNOVATION

MHS has started many new traditions this year.

Due to the construction, seniors got to sign their name on plywood. This became known as "The Wall."

"There was hardly any room to write the stuff that I wanted to write and it was very unorganized. All the squares were uneven,"

said Hope Simpson, senior.

On the other hand, some felt the room they had was sufficient.

Kim Leavitt, senior, said "I had enough room because I was able to find a square that

suitied my needs."

Then there was the new beginning of a co-ed cheerleading squad.

The number that signed up were more than many expected.

"I thought maybe the guys would be too macho to even come to the call out meeting. I think it's great that MHS decided to have a co-ed squad. Next year's squad will be able to do so much more," said Jennifer Jagiela, senior cheerleader.

Purdue's men cheerleaders performed with our own at the Andreon/Merrillville game.

"I thought it was so neat with the guy

cheerleaders. We should have started this a long time ago," said Heidi Cook, senior.

With each new tradation, something else is lost.

"Change is good; it adds variety to boring, everyday life," said Leavitt.

MHS also has three new clubs this year, Creative Writing Club, Student Government, and the combination of SADD/Quest club.

"Creative Writing Club gives students who like to write a chance to write in their own style. There is a possibility that our work may be published," said Michele Laspas, junior.

Student Government is also a new addition at MHS this year, taking the place of Student Council.

"It is good because you have more students contributing to decisions," said Greg Thiros, junior.

"It basically gives more students a chance to voice their opinion to the administration," said Christine Onoff, junior.

MHS has always had SADD club and Quest club separate from each other, but this year they combined the two to make SADD/Quest club.

"The goals for SADD and Quest were the same so they decided to join efforts," said Lynn Praschak, SADD sponsor.

"This is good because we can do more for the causes because we have more people fighting for the same causes," said Staci Lavery, junior.

"I think that more new clubs give people a variety. It gives them a chance to really get involved in what they are interested in," said Colleen O'Sullivan, junior. •Jenny Pasko and Valerie Miller

## SANTA'S HELPER

Helping the needy, Mia Panas, senior, wraps Christmas presents. Student Government and Honor Society co-sponsored a toy drive for under privileged children in the area. (Perisho photo)

## GUTTERBALL?

Sliding up to the line, Bob Orelup, senior throws the bowling ball down the lane at the NHS Dollars for Scholars bowl-a-thon. NHS annually sponsors a bowl-a-thon to raise money for the scholarships given out by Dollars for Scholars. (Hepp photo).

*'The wall is a really cool idea. I hope they (the administration) will do something like that for us when we are seniors.'*

•JERRY ELENZ, sophomore





Honor Society Seniors—FRONT ROW: M. Zolots, K. Meyer, M. Gorman, P. Lily, E. Meyer, B. Ancierio, J. Jagiela, C. Benin. SECOND ROW: B. Ambrosiak, sponsor; S. Carlisle, C. Short, K. Flan, K. Foreman, M. Maras, J. Mysza, J. Harris, K. Johnson. THIRD ROW: M. Barstini, C. Hickok, D. Bachler, J. Carr, K. Leavitt, D. Antonowicz, H. Luehse, M. Lux. BACK ROW: B. Ornel, J. Gorski, T. Tagris, R. Shaver, E. Lindberg, B. Ornel, R. Forer.



Honor Society Juniors—FRONT ROW: C. Siapinski, J. Loman, M. House, K. Leacyk, K. Scurko, S. Doroski, T. McDonald, T. Vito, T. Tuley, H. Halad, P. Tsai. SECOND ROW: C. Thoro, K. Richardson, A. Selagy, K. Phillips, M. Baggis, M. Lee, A. Denham, T. Robinson, C. Monosquada, P. Pator. THIRD ROW: B. Neumann, H. Gallimore, H. Jasko, S. Leeper, A. Krysa, M. Angloff, C. Sikora, S. Bernheim, L. Palomaha, J. Trivette. BACK ROW: R. Brodner, R. Sell, P. Hong, A. Hepp, S. Laila, D. Joweforsky, D. Weills, T. Drizble, J. Varga.



Student Government Seniors—FRONT ROW: Jenny Panko, Linda Kanowka, Heidi Stewart, Darya Ilievsk, Chisty Short, Christina Roy, Monica Johnson. SECOND ROW: Jennifer Irby, Jennifer Jagiela, Jennifer Gusk, Amy Frink, Beth Analerio, Sharon Nawrocki. THIRD ROW: Joanie Sinar, Shauna Carlisle, Meg Gorman, Beth Chisty, Roger Foster. BACK ROW: Tom Moffitt, Bryan Bowles, Dave Centanni, Jason Semken.



Student Government Juniors and Sophomores—FRONT ROW: Sonya Lomaski, Liara Jagiela, Hope Jasko, Tiffany Vito, Erin Jones, Jenny Beck, Angie Packowski, Jennifer McDermott, Heather Gallimore. SECOND ROW: Kathy Navarro, Angie Byrom, Angie Mash, Monica Broden, Allison Krysa, Tammy Robinson, Kasey McConnell, Katie Grimmer, Ryan Seiberling. THIRD ROW: Chast Siapinski, Sean Spinka, Jenny Smith, Kim Richardson, Greg Thoro, Jim Wirtes, Brian Rauchak. BACK ROW: Ryan Schuler, Brian Mola, Harry Sims, Wayne Lile, Dave DeSalle, Wilfred Vito, Erik Smith.



**Key Club**-FRONT ROW: Sarah Leeper, Joanne Samuels, Michelle Kurfman, Marjula Samuels, Jill Seale. SECOND ROW: Sean Bowman, Joe Peterson, Kevin McArthur, Manny Papadakis. BACK ROW: Shawn Lollis, Steve Parson, Mark Masow.



**Environmental Club**-FRONT ROW: Naomi Miller, Chris Contri, Jill Seale. SECOND ROW: Fred Hong, Michelle Malocha, Jessie Myska, Kristy Putnam, Jeff Veltom. BACK ROW: Ashley Lake, Shawn Lollis, Dallas Weila.



**Student Advisory Council**-FRONT ROW: Jenny Panko, Draga Ilievski, Joanie Sinar, Thom Moffitt, Christy Short, Christina Roy. SECOND ROW: Erin Jones, Hooper Jusko, Jennifer Jagiela, Tammy Robinson, Shauna Carlisle, Meg Gorman. THIRD ROW: Dassy McConnell, Kathy Navarro, Deane Jagiela, Kim Richardson, Beth Christy. BACK ROW: Dave Centanni, Ryan Sieberling, Brian Mola, Tom Cayda.



**SADD**-FRONT ROW: K. Torres, M. Clark, M. Samuel, M. Lux, J. Samuels, C. Paz, T. Robinson, E. Prizell, L. Peters. SECOND ROW: K. Grinnetti, J. Jagiela, J. Panko, D. Ilievski, B. Christy, T. Shultz, L. Prashak, M. Barovich, W. Swank, J. Kasarda. THIRD ROW: T. Mosley, E. Jones, H. Jusko, J. Cuzik, T. Sikora, C. Mosquito, D. Antonovich, J. Smith, K. Richardson, K. Putman. BACK ROW: D. Jagiela, R. Sieberling, S. Lollis, J. Moke, M. Butler Del Rio, D. Centanni, L. Stover, S. Lavery, C. O'Sullivan.



### WEB OF FRIENDS

Draga Ilievski and Jennifer Jagiela, seniors, join hands with some fifth grade students at a D.A.R.E. meeting. The SADD club visits all the elementary schools to explain to them the importance of saying no to drugs. (Perisho photo)



Whether playing Santa Claus or cleaning-up, Key Club is

# HELPING

Helping those who are less fortunate, spending time with those people who need attention, and giving up free-time so as to help others are just a few of the charitable things that those students involved with Key Club do on a regular basis.

"During Christmassome of us dress up as Santa Claus and go to different locations to help the Salvation Army collect money for those who are less fortunate during the holiday seasons," said Steve Parsons, senior.

Even after the holiday season is over, the work of the Key Club members is far from being done. These students also go to retirement homes and other such places to try and make someone's life a little nicer.

"Sometimes we go to retirement homes and talk or play games with the residents," said Kevin Mesarch, senior.

Not only are these charitable people appreciated by the residents of retirement homes, but also by the students in the elementary school.

"Occasionally, some of the members will go to different parks around the Merrillville area and clean up the paper and other garbage that tends to build-up. By doing this we not only make the parks cleaner and more fun to play at, but we also give ourselves a sense of pride to know that we are doing something good and helping more than just one person at a time," said Shawn Lawless, junior.

More than just an extra-curricular activity to put on a college resume, Key Club is also a very charitable group in which people from all ages and backgrounds can benefit. •Zac Wells

*'The people whose relatives either live too far away or don't care enough to come and visit their family members are the ones we really try and pay special attention to.'*

•KEVIN MESARCH

## CHUBBY BUNNY

Ice breakers are a good way to get the younger students to relax, so Joe Moke, senior, demonstrates how to play Chubby Bunny. All you have to do is stuff marshmallows into your mouth until you can't say chubby bunny over and over. (Perisho photo)

## IT'S LIKE THIS...

Before the fun and games began, Jesse Stoner, junior, took time out to speak with a group of elementary students. (Perisho photo)





To develop responsibility and to earn money, students are

# WORKING

*Maybe I should call off--No, I can't, but I really don't want to go...*

This thought and many others have gone through all our minds before we head off to the sometimes excruciating pain of going to work.

"The only really bad thing about my job, is that almost every Saturday morning I have to be up and going at four o'clock in the morning to open the store," said Michelle Malocha, junior.

"I just hate working on Saturdays period, regardless of the time," said Kim Simpson, sophomore.

Although going to work and actually working is sometimes a burden, some really enjoy their jobs.

"Sometimes it is boring, but I enjoy the people I work with. It's good to

have money and it's not like it's really that hard. Plus, my friends, Kristen Mitch and Kathy Torres, work with me and they add to the fun," said Jenny Seamples, senior.

"I love my job. It's so easy. The people are great and I can pretty much get away with anything," Simpson added.

Getting away with anything...changing schedules, calling off whenever, and making their schedule work around your own is sometimes an impossible task.

"My manager once asked me if there were any days that I knew I had to have off and I purposely told her Thursday evenings because I cannot be bothered between eight and nine o'clock," said an anonymous employee of an athletic store in Southlake Mall.

"Sometimes I'll have to give them a month's notice to have a certain day off," added Malocha.

It's a love and hate relationship with students and their jobs. It's a great way to meet people and it's great to have extra money, but it's not so great when you're at work and all your friends go out and have fun without you, because you have a job. •Erin O'Deen

*'I love my job. It's so easy. The people are great and I can pretty much get away with anything.'*

•KIM SIMPSON



## OUCH!

Heather Gallimore, junior, winces as she is tested by the nurse during the blood drive. The nurse's gloves signal an AIDS awareness age. Although every precaution was taken, some students did faint because of weakness. (Perisho photo)





Here-FRONT ROW: Ingrid Rais, Maureen Huxley, Kim Cox, Alexandra Papadopoulos, Kelly Cox, Stephanie Georgievich. SECOND ROW: Raquel Silva, Amy McCoy, Julie Cavanaugh, Helen Logothetis, Debbie Midgett, Dawn Monahan, Patty Shores. THIRD ROW: Kelly McLain, Buffy Patterson, Rosa Trevino, Carrie Penstock, Shawnee Zimmerman. BACK ROW: Darrell Shaffey, Nathan Luedtke, Ken Williams, Howard Williams.



FEA-FRONT ROW: Jennifer Guzik, Jennifer Jagiel, Draga Elvicki, Jennifer McDermott. SECOND ROW: Lisa Whitemore, Heather Stompor, Jamie Laabnik, Hope Jusko, Tammy Robinson, Christine Partas, Jennifer Pasko, Christina Moffitt, Lisa Tresnowski. THIRD ROW: Allison Krysa, Tina Sikora, Erin Jones, Bernice Orslup, Jack Laubenik, Diane Jagiela, Katie Grimmer. BACK ROW: Kassy McConnell, Joanie Stinar, Danie Jo Wengyl, Judy McNally, sponsor.



FHA-FRONT ROW: Michelle Vagus, Michelle Malocha, Shawna Mance. BACK ROW: George Burke, Mary Kay Barovich, Danie Jo Wengyl, Scott Wellenow.



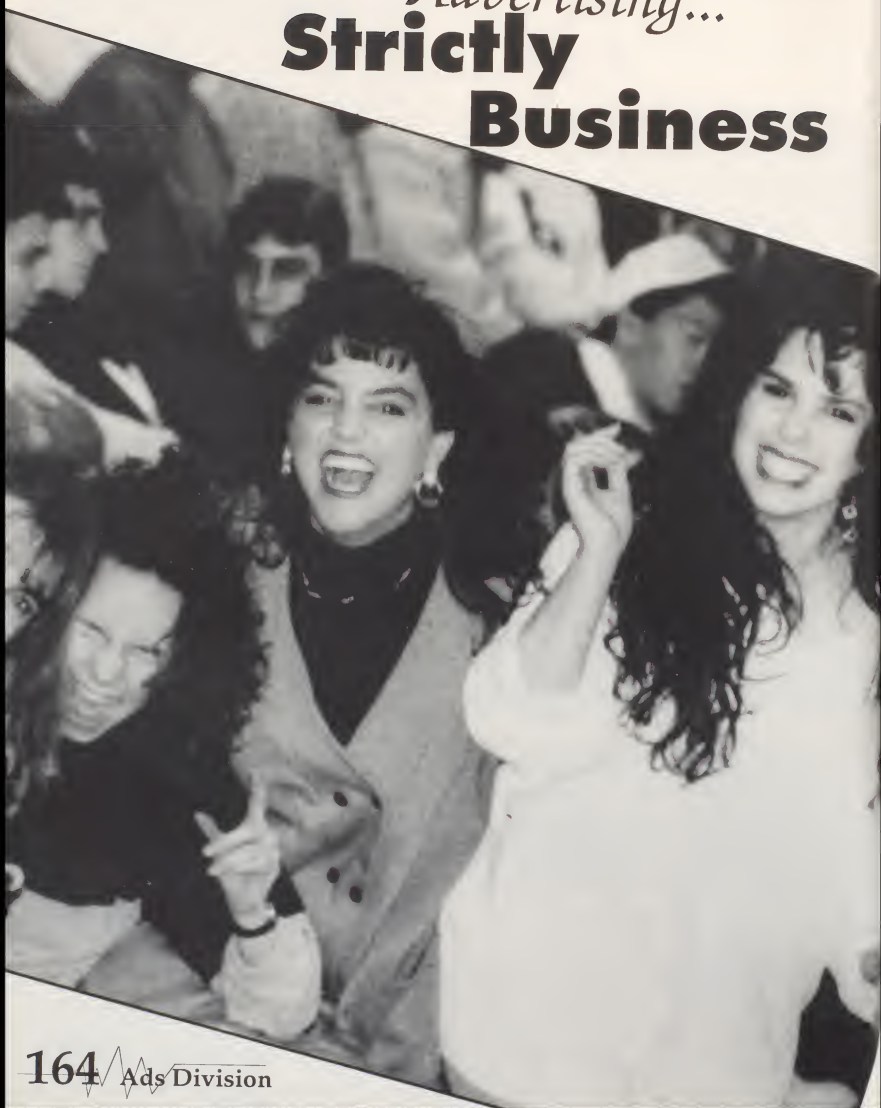
### BLOOD DRIVE '92

One of HERO's activities this year was the sponsoring of the blood drive. Chris Radcliffe and Valentin Cesljarev, seniors, both try to relax, knowing they are doing something good for mankind--and getting out of class at the same time. (Perisho photo)



BPA-FRONT ROW: Jodi Olwea, Sara Oregon, Jessica Wilson, Elizabeth Decos, Stephanie Stupar. BACK ROW: Barb LaDuc, Julie Matthews, Laura Conner, Jamie Harding.

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## Every good business supports itself, just as student, teacher, administrator, and community must...

Cashflow at MHS seemed endless in 1992. Millions and millions of dollars were being put into the school—just look at that stadium! But that was only the beginning. Not only was the athletic program getting new gyms, weight rooms, equipment, uniforms, etc, but the academic side of MHS was also getting its share in the renovation.

Certainly, the construction caused inconvenience this year, but students and teachers had begun to reap the benefits. As new classrooms were opened, spirits rose. The brightly colored walls were a needed break from the grey wallboard and concrete. And even in times of sacrifice, MHS still had more computer labs to offer than most schools only dream of.

But the MHS renovation was not just a dream. It was **STRICTLY BUSINESS**--being fully supported by student, faculty, and community.

### *SENIORITIS*

Whether they're cheering on their team or simply can't control their senioritis in front of the camera, Heidi Stewart, Chrissy Lisch, Linda Kunovski and Mia Panas, seniors, are certainly making a lot of noise. And noise counts as support. (Perisho photo)

### *IN FULL SUPPORT*

Uninhibited in his cheering, Josh Schaefer, junior, supports his team at the basketball homecoming game. MHS learned this year that good teams and good fans go hand in hand--and new gyms don't hurt either. (Perisho photo)





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# 90210 Beverly Hills

"Did you hear, he was so drunk!"  
"How could she break up with him?"  
"Do you really think she's pregnant?"  
"I can't believe he likes her!"

The gossip in the MHS hallways has currently shifted from fellow students to the cast of "Beverly Hills: 90210."

Every Thursday night at 8 p.m., televisions across the U.S. and in this community are tuning in to view the trials and tribulations of a classic Beverly Hills "brat pack."

The controversial plots of each show touch upon problems that many teenagers are forced to face such as drug addiction, teenage pregnancy, drunk driving, death, sex, dating, interracial relationships and family problems.

"All the problems they discuss might be prevented if the cast can get the message across," said Brooke Seydel, junior.

Holly Summers, junior, agrees, "I think the show points out that teenagers do have a lot of problems and don't lead carefree lives."

According to some students, however, the show may be helpful but is not very realistic.

Summers added, "Most teenagers usually have a routine they go through every day. Once in a while something exciting may happen."

"The attractiveness of the cast probably made the show popular in the beginning," commented Sharon Reithel, senior, "But the people realized that the show was really good."

In fact, students in MHS are looking to model themselves after specific members of the cast and their trademarks, such as Brandon and Dylan's sideburns.

Dan O'Brien, senior, said, "I guess I model my sideburns after Dylan. He is laid back and cool, sort of like James Dean. Milo Radoja likes to model himself and his sideburns after Brandon."

As with any popular mini-soap operas, some characters are the "ones you love" and the "ones you love to hate." "Beverly Hills: 90210" certainly has a cast that teenagers of both sexes can love and adore.

"My favorite character is Brandon because he is the one who everyone seems to follow and look to when they are in trouble," said Milo Radoja, senior.

Stephanie Perryman, junior, finds Kelly to be the character easiest to dislike. She said, "I don't like Kelly. Most of the time she acts stuck-up. She doesn't act like the kind of friend someone would like to have. Sometimes she really acts two faced."

Seydel concluded in saying, "The only thing I would change about "Beverly Hills: 90210" is to have Brandon and Andre become boyfriend and girlfriend. Other than that, it's perfect!"

• Amy Taylor

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# CHOW TIME

## Open campus proves gone but not forgotten

Freedom; it is a cherished value by many in America and the basic want of teenagers. Deep down in each person exists the desire to make one's own decisions, quit following rules, and break through the protective parent shield. This is one reason those first steps onto high school property are dreaded by so many; rules and policies are to be followed left and right while administrators watch over every student's move.

Although this is a dreaded time for many, it is reality. The rules cannot be escaped; the teachers cannot be evaded. Many students, however, look for a way out, a temporary break from the burdens of the day.

This freedom portal is seen by many as open campus lunch. Open campus is not just about eating somewhere else for lunch; it can be a relief from the monotony of the school day for many.

"Even though it is my last year, it is miserable being secluded into one building. Teenagers need to be outside where everything is free and possible. It's not comfortable having too many people trapped in one room like a house full of rats...waiting for everyone (supervisors) to leave to cut loose," said LaDonna Tucker, senior.

Steve Parsons, senior, feels the same.

"With the construction and all, it would help to relax ourselves and start the second part of the day fresh," said Parsons. Larry Shrader, assistant principal of Crown Point High School, agreed that open campus lunch was a good outlet for the students.

"Students get a chance to get away from the school," he said.

CPHS is one of the few schools in the area with an open campus policy. However, the students are not allowed to drive; they are not allowed to leave within walking distance radius for 30 minutes.

Shrader feels that this rule applies well to CPHS because of its advantageous location near the town square. A wide array of restaurants are within walking distance from the school.

Unfortunately, MHS is not of that nature. Although McDonald's is near Broadway, a long trek would be needed for a Big Mac. The only restaurant within walking distance of MHS is Dairy Queen.

Although the idea of open campus leaves promising thoughts to students, it does the opposite for Dr. Rapacz, principal, and the school board.

Rapacz feels that because of the higher prices of food at restaurants, the lack of time to get restaurants because of their proximity, lack of permission from students' parents, lack of parents' knowledge of where and with whom their child is going, the upgrade in truancies and tardies, and the possible increase of drug flow to the students, open campus is a bad

idea.

MHS had an open campus policy in which the students were allowed to walk to the Dairy Queen about seven years ago.

According to Tom Herbert, assistant principal, an undercover narcotics officer had been placed in the school during this time. He discovered that the most drug sales were conducted not in the school, but by the Dairy Queen during the lunch periods.

After being presented this information, the school board made the decision to close the campus. If the policy of open campus were to be reinstated, it would have to be accepted by the school board.

"There is zero chance of reopening campus," said Rapacz.

Furthermore, Eric Walker, assistant district manager of McDonald's feared that his store would not be accessible to the students because of the lack of time.

"It would be a great concern. I wouldn't want to interfere with the running of the school," said Walker.

On the other hand, Jack Bucko, owner of Dairy Queen, disagreed. Bucko believes that offering open campus to upper classmen on the basis of good attendance and a certain GPA would be a good incentive to the students.

"Why punish all?" he asked.

Even though lack of time would be a major obstacle, some believe this would not be a new problem to students of MHS.

"By the time I get from my fourth hour class to lunch, I only have ten minutes to eat," Parsons said.

Concerned parents also have their views on open campus.

"It is not necessary for the students to leave...for some it is a time to drink and smoke," expressed Sharon Carr, mother of Jennifer Carr, senior.

Although the views on open campus are quite mixed, the end still results with eating in the library. •Tracey Eckels

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# LET'S KICK IT

## Anti-drug war inspires positive message

Banners and streamers posted throughout the hallways and students wearing red bracelets and ribbons. At first glance a person might think it was homecoming week for a school whose colors are red and white. All the hoopla, however, was for a much better reason. Partners for Prevention sponsored this year's Red Ribbon Week from Oct. 19-26 with the theme of "Let's Kick It!" The ribbons, banners and bracelets were there to remind students to "Just Say No!" to mind altering substances.

"The ribbons, posters and stuff are a good idea because they make a person think twice about what they are doing," said Pat Schultz, sophomore.

Some students show their school spirit and advertise the choice they make by wearing the ribbons and bracelets given to them in their homerooms. By wearing these objects they sometimes hope to influence others to make the right choice, also.

"I think it's okay to wear the ribbons and other stuff they give you. I mean if it's what you believe in, why be ashamed to let others know?" said Erin Jones, junior.

Although many students use the "Say No to Drugs" theme as a serious way to tell others the correct way to go, there are usually those few who will try to make fun of the good message set forth by others. Some students feel that those who are plastering their bodies with an enormous number of ribbons, bracelets, and bumper stickers are those students who don't believe in the week's theme and are seemingly trying to make a mockery of it.

"It makes me mad to see all those people who are not drug-free put all that stuff on their bodies. I mean if you're going to spend all of that energy then why not spend it on a good cause like becoming drug-free," said Larry Jones, senior SADD member.

A dance was held on Oct. 16 at the Lake County Fairgrounds to show everyone that it is possible to have fun without the use of drugs or alcohol. The dance was sponsored by Partners for Prevention. There was also the "Big Dance" held at MHS on Oct. 23 with a door prize raffle for those who wore red ribbons.

Staci Lavery, junior steering committee member, and Jerry Kasarda, SADD and Quest club co-sponsor, represented MHS throughout the week.

"We hope to make everybody aware that there is a drug and alcohol problem and that something needs to be done about it. It's up to us to solve it," said Lavery. • Zac Wells



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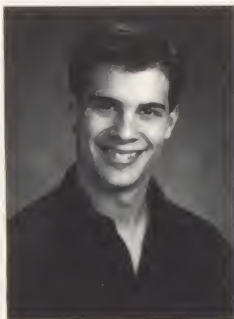
### STRIKE A POSE

Jim Egdcorn, social studies teacher, and Jamie Harding, senior, model the latest in Red Ribbon fashionwear. "Let's Kick It!" t-shirts were sold for five dollars by SADD/Quest club. (Bartley Photo)

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Kim Naspinski, recording secretary; Christy Short, president; and Draga Ilievski, vice-president, seniors, conduct a student government meeting. This is the first year the student council was expanded to government. (Hepp photo)

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## TEACHER OF THE YEAR

### Mulloy honored by MHS, Inland Steel

Annually, the Teacher of the Year Committee, consisting of students and parents, holds a meeting to choose the Teacher of the Year. After a long hour of careful reading and discussion, the committee chose Pat Mulloy, history teacher, as Inland Steel MHS Teacher of the Year.

"Mr. Mulloy is an outstanding, dedicated teacher who cares about the success of his students. His caring attitude carries over into his teaching," said Beverly Bashia, assistant principal.

Several teachers were nominated for the award, which is sponsored by Inland Steel. The panel of parents and students perused the biographies of the nominees and narrowed it down between two teachers by secret ballot.

"I knew I'd been nominated, but to tell you the truth, I didn't give it much thought after that," said Mulloy.

Mulloy supports all of the students at MHS by attending almost every extra-curricular activity.

"I enjoy going to the students' activities. I don't do it out of obligation but because I really

enjoy these things and it's a good way to spend your time," Mulloy added.

"Mr. Mulloy supports students both in the classroom and outside of the classroom. He attends extra-curricular events and traveled to Wawasee and Indianapolis to watch the gymnastics team. Students appreciate that and Mr. Mulloy does try to support the kids by his attendance," Bashia said.

Teaching different courses and preparing interesting, timely lesson plans for them can be difficult sometimes.

"I try to make material as relevant as I can because the current events have a direct bearing on life. Every teacher should teach some type of required course. When you only teach lower level courses, it changes the way one perceives education, and likewise of the higher level teachers. You must (when teaching required courses) make things as relevant and interesting as possible to satisfy the needs of both students," said Mulloy.

John Mishorich, junior and member of the Teacher of the Year Committee added, "I Feel Mr.

Mulloy has a tougher job than the average teacher. Everyone has to take Modern World Civilization and to some this class might be boring. But somehow, Mr. Mulloy finds ways to make it fun for everybody. He just doesn't lecture; he lets the students learn on their own and also in groups. Also, he is involved in many activities and is encouraging to everyone."

"I think it's very nice that Mr. Mulloy got the Teacher of the Year award. He puts in a great deal of time and effort to keep his classes current and interesting," said Jim Edgcomb, social studies teacher.

Arriving at school at 6:20 a.m. every morning, Mulloy prepares his classes for the day. "I do a better job in the morning and I also get a lot more done. I guess you could say that I'm a morning person," Mulloy commented.

Mulloy still seems surprised that he was chosen Teacher of the Year.

"With all the people around here, everyone's working so hard, it's a surprise that they chose me. However, there are so many other deserving, it is humbling to be even considered," Mulloy ended thoughtfully. •Christine Onoff

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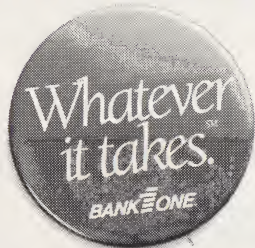
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# SENIOR SPIRIT

## Triumphant year names class of '92 champions

As expected, the Senior Class captured the title of Spirit Point Champions this year.

The most point winning activity for the seniors was definitely tardies. Even though sophomores and juniors blocked the doorways to prevent the seniors from entering their classes, the seniors still came through. Seniors were seen rushing to their classes at all times and encouraging other seniors also, so that they could win more points for their class.

"I took up cross country just so I could make it to class on time. Eric Steiner (senior) and I often trained after school by doing wind sprints. I always encouraged my fellow classmates not to be tardy. Sometimes, I even carried my fellow classmates on my back so they wouldn't be tardy," said Justin Miller, senior.

Another major winner for the seniors was the Parent Teacher Conferences. For every senior parent that attended, a point was given to that class. Here the seniors displayed their enthusiasm by running home and begging their parents to attend conferences. The senior parents began a chain letter and a telephone chain to inform other parents. Their efforts paid off; 800 parents showed up even though there are only 365 seniors!

The senior spirit definitely flourished at the school play "Our Town." The seniors camped out for tickets the night before and busted down the doors to get good seats.

"While camping out, it was a long night, however, it was well worth the wait. It was a mad rush to get into the auditorium and I got trampled by the few juniors and sophomores that attended," said Chrissy Lisch, senior.

One senior found it outrageous that Purple and White Day was only on Fridays. She felt that Purple and White Day should be every day, but she could not afford to buy an all purple wardrobe.

Chris Contri, senior, dyed her hair purple so that she could show her school spirit each and every day. She felt that she must represent MHS wherever she went.

"I was really disgusted about the lack of purple clothing on seniors. So, I decided to give them a little bit of incentive. I lost my job over it, but winning the contest was well worth it," Contri explained.

The spirit of the senior class also carried over to rock bands and groups. For example, the Senior Commencement Planning Committee was having a difficult time scheduling a date for graduation at the Raddison Star Plaza on June 10, due to a concert planned for the same day. However, when Nirvana

(the band scheduled to play that day) found out that it was MHS, they agreed to play commencement instead of their concert.

Because the seniors worked so hard to get their points, they were rewarded with a trip to the Dunes, a first for MHS.

This year also marked the first Senior Breakfast, which was also a reward for their never ending spirit. Never before has a class all eaten together in the morning. But the senior class motto "A class that eats together, beats together" definitely set the tone on May 22, when the seniors made MHS history at the Dunes. • Draga Ilievski



### 'OUR TOWN' OR BUST'

One of many groups of seniors that camped out for "Our Town" tickets catch a few Z's before the morning comes. The class of '92 surpassed all other classes in the race for the most school spirit. (Kissinger photo)

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# SAMP NOTE

## Band members mourn loss of mentor

MHS Band and Orchestra's annual banquet was overhung with a shadow of loss and remembrance for 18 year band teacher Sue Williams. Williams has been forced to resign her position as band teacher at MHS, and to be relocated somewhere else in the Merrillville school system as an instrumental music teacher.

"There are parents and students alike in that band that feel that the administration went about this wrong. They have ended up making the band banquet a time of sadness instead of happiness for the guys, especially for the seniors. It's too bad the administration didn't have enough foresight to work something out after the school year was over, and long before tonight ever happened," said Russ Alderman, parent of Rob Alderman, senior.

"Change is always difficult in any situation. A lot of thought goes into it. This was no different," said Dr. Daniel C. Rapacz, principal. "It's one of those situations where you do a lot of thinking and a lot of studying, then decisions are made."

The decision of replacing Williams did not go over well with a majority of the band students at MHS. In silent protest, they wore yellow and black ribbons and pins as symbols of loss and devotion.

"We're protesting the unfair transfer of Mrs. Williams," said Kathy Dzubila, parent of Tom Dzubila, junior, "Professionally, I feel she should have had a chance. They could have given her an-

other chance. She's done well with the concert band and won awards there; if she had help, the marching band would be better. It's priority—I think that the concert band should be more important. I think she should not be transferred and should be allowed to keep her position."

"It (the silent protest) was very appropriate," said Bev Bashia, assistant principal. "Obviously the kids have some allegiance to Mrs. Williams. Because the kids want to show their support of her, there was a variety of ways they could have done that. Knowing the kind of kids we have at MHS, I believed and was not worried that they were going to pick something appropriate. In America we have freedom of speech and we would expect people to show their allegiance. Change is very difficult and very hard. I know a lot of people are feeling very sad right now."

Dan Certa, junior, was a little more than sad. He arrived at the banquet garbed in a t-shirt that read: "WILLIAMS FOREVER!!! QUIT BAND!!!"

"...They are totally in their little bubble and they have no idea what's good for the band. The majority of the students just love her to death and want her to stay, but we can't do anything about it now," Certa commented.

The reason for Williams' dismissal was the decreasing numbers of band enlistment and complaints about the performance of the marching band under Wil-





liams' tutelage.

"There has been a concern for the last two or three years about the numbers going down, the lack of marching ability and the level of competition. That has not been a new thing. There have been several conversations regarding that prior to this," said Bashia. "Dr. Rapacz wanted a quality marching band program and a quality concert band program. We feel the two go hand in hand. When you have any kind of event, the band should be the most visible thing, the selling point that we have. We have a quality school—they should be out on the fore-front, and that's what they (the administration) wanted to see."

Although the administration was willing to speak to Mirror reporters, professionally, they could not be specific. Bashia explained, "We want to protect everybody."

"They (the administration) say that she can do more with the marching program, which is not true, because they wouldn't give the funding for it. They don't know how much work it entails. They have no idea," said Amber Eich, senior. "It is very stupid if you ask me. They did this very unprofessionally. They really don't know what they're talking about—they don't know what they're losing. It's not her. It's the students... Most of them are in band because their parents make them stay in band. If you're going to be in something you don't want to be in, you're going to screw around and try to mess things up. It's the largest portion of why

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#### *EXTREME DEDICATION*

Dan Certa, junior, supports Sue Williams in her struggle with the administration by wearing his own unique t-shirt. Williams was forced to resign her position of band teacher after 18 years of service. (Perisho photo)

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things are going the way they are."

"She is a very good teacher and has been here a very long time," said Thom Moffitt, senior. "Just because one or two parents, all of a sudden she's been ousted. It's really not fair. It's one of the worst things the administration could do at this time."

How the course of events lead to Williams' dismissal still remains vague to parents and members of the band. Rumors of "secret meetings" concerning Williams have been circulating.

"I received a letter from Dr. Schrenker telling that he had no secret meetings," said (Russ) Alderman, "We have heard throughout this last semester that there were secret meetings going on with people who wanted to see that (Mrs. Williams was moved out of her position. It looks like that (Williams' removal) has happened."

As the ceremony drew to a close (Rob) Alderman, Co-M.C. of the banquet, read the following letter to the students and parents attending, as written by Sue Williams:

*Dear Band Members, Parents, and especially seniors,*

*First of all I need to apologize to you for my absence. I hope that you do not look upon it as a betrayal, please try to understand that I just cannot, at this time, handle emotionally being with you tonight.*

*I want to thank you for all of the dedication, enthusiasm, and love for music you have shared with me over the past few years. I have many wonderful memories of our time together in class, at perform-*

*mances, on trips, and everywhere.*

*If I have given to you as a teacher even just a small fraction of what you have given back to me, then I have been a very successful teacher.*

*I hope you will all continue to have a deep love for band and for music. I know that for some of you it will become what it has been for me...a passion. There is nothing that will touch you more deeply than music and I hope that I have helped some of you open your inner selves to that emotional "high" that it can give you. I have felt through our performances together the truly magical feeling that only those that have experienced it have any idea what I am talking about. I thank you from deep in my heart for all those wonderful musical moments that you have given me, and they have been during rehearsals as much as in any performance.*

*I especially want to thank those of you that have stood by me these past few months. The love and concern that you have showed me has meant more to me than I'll ever be able to express to you.*

*To those of you planning a career in teaching music: You have chosen one of the most noble fields of endeavor. Please do not become discouraged by what has happened here. You have the power to not only touch the lives and*

*minds of your students, but also their emotions, and when you do there is nothing that will give you greater satisfaction or be more rewarding.*

*I wish you all the very best as you go on to your futures. I thank you for letting me become part of your lives. You have all been a very important part of mine. Thank you for sharing your love.*

*I will present all of the awards at the concert on the 19th. I am looking forward to making music with you one last time. I know that this is a very special concert for the seniors every year as it is for me, and this year's will have even more meaning for all of us. If you haven't experienced it yet, maybe it will allow you to achieve that inner "high" that we have talked about that only music can do. I hope so.*

*I love you all, and I will miss you. Please keep in touch. I would very much like to be a part of your future dreams and ambitions.*

*With all my love,  
Mrs. Williams*

After the letter was read a floodgate of tears and emotions burst forth. The music for the dance that night then started shortly afterwards, though not many were willing to participate in the festivities.

After the tears ceased for the night, everything flowed smoothly until the band members and other banquet attendees left—emotionally and physically drained. • Chris Pustelnik



#### ***FLOOD OF EMOTION***

Kari Foreman, senior, sheds her tears at the Band and Orchestra banquet. Foreman wore a ribbon in silent protest of Williams' treatment.

#### ***MEMORIES***

Thinking of the good times, John Drasich, junior, reflects upon musical memories with Williams.

#### ***SENTIMENTS***

Grieving for their friend and mentor, Nathan Luedtke, senior, and Wendy Woodburn, junior, cry together during the banquet. A usually happy occasion, this year's banquet will be remembered by many as a night of anguish and sorrow. (Perisho photos)





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Home Economics Department Medal

**David Centanni**  
Rotary Club Scholarship  
Academic Decathlon Team

**Elizabeth Christy**  
Academic Decathlon Team  
Academic Super Bowl  
Music Department Medal  
Vietnam Veteran's Scholarship  
Academic Super Bowl  
Scholastic Art Award

**Chris Contri**  
Best Supporting Role in Newspaper  
Journalism Medal

**Benita Cookston**  
Academic M

**Elizabeth Correa**  
Latino Scholar Award

**Amy Denham**  
Academic Super Bowl

**Matt DiPaola**  
Industrial Technology Department Award

**Leo Doumainian**  
Academic Decathlon Team  
AP Scholar Award  
Foreign Language Department Medal  
Presidential Academic Fitness Award

**Social Studies Department Medal**  
Top Ten Percent  
Business Department Medal

**Rene Dunn**  
Academic M  
A Honor Roll  
Physical Education Department Medal

**Luke Dunscombe**  
Presidential Academic Fitness Award  
Top Ten Percent

**Thomas Dzibula**  
Chevron

**Tracey Eckels**  
Poison Pen Award for Outstanding Reporting in Newspaper

**Amber Eich**  
Ball State School of Music Citation

**Christine Eliot**  
Academic M  
Business Department Medal  
Presidential Academic Fitness Award  
Top Ten Percent  
Skinner Scholarship

**Cathleen Flan**  
Presidential Academic Fitness Award  
Top Ten Percent

**Kari Foreman**  
Ball State School of Music Citation  
Presidential Academic Fitness Award  
Top Ten Percent  
Skinner Scholarship  
Semper Fidelis Band Award

**Khym Fought**  
Journalism Medal  
Ronald Duboski's "Outstanding Senior Journalist" Award

**Dan Franz**  
Academic Spell Bowl

**Amy Frink**  
Principals Leadership Award  
United States Army Scholar/Athlete

**Heather Gallimore**  
Chevron

**Norm Gali**  
Industrial Technology Department Award

**Shannon Goodson**  
Home Economics Department Medal

**Ann Gorman**  
Academic M  
Scholastic Art Award

**Margaret Gorman**  
Academic Decathlon Team  
Academic Super Bowl  
Century III Leader  
English Department Medal  
Foreign Language Department Medal  
Outstanding Senior Girl  
Presidential Academic Fitness Award  
Tandy Corporation Top Two Percent  
Top Ten Percent  
Lamp of Learning  
National Merit Commended

**Riste Gorsecki**  
A Honor Roll  
Academic M

**Sandra Gray**  
Foreign Language Department Medal

**Phillip Guerrero**  
Latino Scholar Award

**Jeremy Guthrie**  
Scholastic Art Award

**Kimberly Gutierrez**  
Latino Scholar Award

**Rudy Gutierrez**  
Latino Scholar Award

**Jennifer Guzik**  
FEA Scholarship  
Presidential Academic Fitness Award  
Top Ten Percent

**Jennifer Harms**  
Presidential Academic Fitness Award  
Top Ten Percent  
Dr. Cressley Walker Scholarship

**Todd Hashiguchi**  
Presidential Academic Fitness Award  
Top Ten Percent

**Joe Hatfield**  
Music Department Medal

**Alan Hepp**  
Social Studies Department Medal  
Xerox Corporation Award

**Christine Hickok**  
Math Department Medal  
Hoosier Scholarship  
Lamp of Learning  
National Merit Finalist  
Presidential Academic Fitness Award  
Purdue Calumet Talent Award  
Society of Women Engineers Award  
Tandy Corporation Top Two Percent  
Tandy Corporation Outstanding Math Student  
Top Ten Percent  
Valedictorian  
Inland Steel Scholarship

**Margaret Holland**  
Girls State Delegate

**Fred Hong**  
Boys State Delegate

**Mark Hovance**  
Industrial Technology Department Award

**Draga Ilienski**  
FEA Scholarship  
Journalism Medal  
MHS Meritorius Award  
Outstanding Newspaper Staffer Award

**Jennifer Jagiela**  
Top Ten Percent  
Oscar Roswell Memorial Scholarship  
Presidential Academic Fitness Award

**Christopher Janovsky**  
Three Years Perfect Attendance

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| <b>Kelly Johnson</b><br>Academic Decathlon Team<br>Academic Super Bowl<br>Chevron  | <b>Marcello Montiero</b><br>Foreign Exchange Student  | <b>Merri-Glen Kiwanis Scholarship</b><br><br><b>Linda Polomchak</b><br>A Honor Roll<br>Chevron<br>Society of Women Engineers Award   | <b>Brian Sotak</b><br>Business Department Medal   |
| <b>Kristen Johnson</b><br>A Honor Roll<br>IN Council of Math Teachers Award<br>Lamp of Learning<br>Purdue Calumet Talent Award<br>Salutatorian<br>Social Studies Department Medal<br>Society of Women Engineers Award<br>Tandy Corporation Top Two Percent Award<br>Top Ten Percent<br>Presidential Academic Fitness Award | <b>Christina Mosqueda</b><br>Latino Scholar Award<br><br><b>Jessie Myska</b><br>Chevron<br>English Department Medal<br>Foreign Language Department Medal<br>Gamma Alpha Xi Scholarship<br>Hoosier Scholarship<br>National Honor Society Award<br>Tandy Corporation Top Two Percent Award<br>Top Ten Percent<br>Co-Valedictorian   | <b>Michael Pratscher</b><br>Academic M<br><br><b>Jason Pusek</b><br>Industrial Technology Department Award<br><br><b>Kristy Putnam</b><br>Youth for Understanding International<br><br><b>Christopher Radcliffe</b><br>English Department Medal<br><br><b>Shawn Ravenscroft</b><br>Music Department Medal<br><br><b>Kim Richardson</b><br>Girls State Delegate<br><br><b>Micahel Rodriguez</b><br>Latino Scholar Award<br><br><b>Frank Rossman</b><br>Business Department Medal<br><br><b>Manjula Samuel</b><br>Academic M<br><br><b>Jason Santiago</b><br>Latino Scholar Award<br>Science Department Medal<br><br><b>Ryan Seiberling</b><br>Hugh O'Brien Outstanding Sophomore<br><br><b>Robert Sell</b><br>Chevron<br><br><b>Darrel Shaffer</b><br>FHA/HERO Certificate<br><br><b>Ryan Shaver</b><br>Presidential Academic Fitness Award<br>Oscar Boswell Memorial Scholarship<br>Top Ten Percent<br><br><b>Patty Shores</b><br>Home Economics Department Medal<br><br><b>Christy Short</b><br>National Honor Society Award<br>Presidential Academic Fitness Award<br>Social Studies Department Medal<br>Top Ten Percent<br>Skinner Scholarship<br>MHS Meritorious Award<br><br><b>Kristina Shultz</b><br>Academic Spell Bowl<br>Academic Super Bowl<br>Presidential Academic Fitness Award<br>Top Ten Percent<br>Academic Decathlon Team<br>Music Department Medal<br>Skinner Scholarship<br><br><b>Tina Sikora</b><br>Scholastic Art Award<br><br><b>Hope Simpson</b><br>Academic Super Bowl<br><br><b>Joanie Sinar</b><br>Business Department Medal<br><br><b>Stacy Sikura</b><br>Physical Education Department Medal<br><br><b>Alan Slade</b><br>Industrial Technology Department Award<br><br><b>Marcia Sopko</b><br>Presidential Academic Fitness Award<br>Top Ten Percent | <b>Charles Stapinski</b><br>Chevron<br><br><b>Melanie Stefanovich</b><br>Business Department Medal<br><br><b>Ausencia Stewart</b><br>Latino Scholar Award<br><br><b>Melinda Strong</b><br>FHA/HERO Certificate<br><br><b>Amy Taylor</b><br>Scholastic Art Award<br><br><b>Sheryl Tisza</b><br>Home Economics Department Medal<br><br><b>Juanita Toledo</b><br>Latino Scholar Award<br><br><b>Margaret Toledo</b><br>Latino Scholar Award<br><br><b>Kathy Torres</b><br>Latino Scholar Award<br><br><b>Rachel Torres</b><br>Academic Spell Bowl<br><br><b>Patrick Tsai</b><br>Academic Decathlon Team<br>Academic Spell Bowl<br>Academic Super Bowl<br>Chevron<br>IN Council of Math Teachers Award<br>Three years perfect attendance<br>A Honor Roll<br><br><b>Michelle Vagus</b><br>FHA/HERO Certificates<br><br><b>Sjoerd Van Egerat</b><br>Foreign Exchange Student<br><br><b>Jennifer Verlick</b><br>FHA/HERO Certificates<br><br><b>David Vislosky</b><br>National Merit Commended<br><br><b>Wilfred Vivo</b><br>Academic M<br><br><b>David Vode</b><br>Physical Education Department Medal<br><br><b>Scott Weliczko</b><br>FHA/HERO Certificates<br><br><b>Eric Weizien</b><br>Hammond Times Scholarship<br><br><b>Dannie Jo Wenzel</b><br>FHA/HERO Certificates<br><br><b>Theresa Wenger</b><br>Skinner Scholarship<br><br><b>Jason Wojciechowski</b><br>Industrial Technology Department Medal<br><br><b>Shari Woods</b><br>Home Economics Department Medal<br><br><b>Christina Yurchenko</b><br>Latino Scholar Award<br>Academic Spell Bowl<br>Academic Super Bowl<br><br><b>Melissa Zoloz</b><br>IUN Academic Award<br>Presidential Academic Fitness Award<br>Top Ten Percent |
| <b>David Josefowky</b><br>Business Department Medal<br>Chevron   | <b>Kim Naspinski</b><br>Presidential Academic Fitness Award<br>Top Ten Percent<br>MHS Student Government Scholarship  |  |   |
| <b>Smargade Koukousis</b><br>3 Years Perfect Attendance  | <b>Catherine Navarro</b><br>Latino Scholar Award<br><br><b>William Newmann</b><br>Boys State Delegate<br>Chevron<br><br><b>Julie Obetkowski</b><br>Academic M<br><br><b>Maxel Ochso</b><br>Latino Scholar Award<br><br><b>Steven Oh</b><br>Academic M<br><br><b>Jodi Olsek</b><br>Business Department Medal<br>Presidential Academic Fitness Award<br>Top Ten Percent<br><br><b>Wanda Olivera</b><br>Academic M<br>Latino Scholar Award<br>Physical Education Department Medal<br><br><b>Robert Orslup</b><br>Academic Super Bowl<br>Business Department Medal<br>Hoosier Scholarship<br>Lamp of Learning<br>Outstanding Senior Boy<br>Presidential Academic Fitness Award<br>Tandy Corporation Top Two Percent<br>Top Ten Percent<br>United States Army Scholar/Athlete<br><br><b>Bernard Orslup III</b><br>Academic Super Bowl<br>Presidential Academic Fitness Award<br>USMC Distinguished Athlete Award<br>James T. Machacek Memorial Scholarship<br>Top Ten Percent<br><br><b>Cynthia Otano</b><br>Foreign Language Department Medal<br>Latino Scholar Award<br><br><b>Jennifer Pasko</b><br>English Department Medal<br><br><b>Celina Paz</b><br>Three years perfect attendance<br><br><b>Christopher Pepmeir</b><br>Presidential Academic Fitness Award<br>Top Ten Percent<br><br><b>Robert Perisho</b><br>Scholastic Art Award<br><br><b>Lauren Peters</b><br>Academic Super Bowl<br><br><b>Ioe Peterson</b><br>Four years perfect attendance<br>Art Department Medal |  |   |
| <b>Kimberly Leavitt</b><br>Presidential Academic Fitness Award<br>Top Ten Percent  |   |  |   |
| <b>Gil-Hwei Lee</b><br>Academic Super Bowl<br>Academic Spell Bowl  |   |  |   |
| <b>May Lee</b><br>Three Years Perfect Attendance<br>Academic Decathlon Team<br>Academic Spell Bowl<br>Academic Super Bowl  |   |  |   |
| <b>James Lesniak</b><br>Chevron<br>Academic Spell Bowl<br>Academic Super Bowl  |   |  |   |
| <b>Eric Lindberg</b><br>Presidential Academic Fitness Award<br>Purdue Calumet Talent Award<br>Top Ten Percent  |   |  |   |
| <b>Paula Litty</b><br>Presidential Academic Fitness Award<br>Top Ten Percent   |   |  |   |
| <b>Heather Luebcke</b><br>Presidential Academic Fitness Award<br>Top Ten Percent   |   |  |   |
| <b>Nathan Luedke</b><br>Home Economics Department Medal  |   |  |   |
| <b>Meghan Lux</b><br>Presidential Academic Fitness Award<br>Top Ten Percent<br>James T. Machacek Memorial Scholarship  |   |  |   |
| <b>Todd Macaluso</b><br>Art Department Medal<br>Scholastic Art Award   |   |  |   |
| <b>Elizabeth Meyer</b><br>Music Department Medal<br>Presidential Academic Fitness Award<br>Top Ten Percent   |   |  |   |
| <b>Kristen Meyer</b><br>Presidential Academic Fitness Award<br>Top Ten Percent   |   |  |   |
| <b>John Mishorich</b><br>Business Department Medal   |   |  |   |
| <b>Thom Moffitt</b><br>English Department Medal  |   |  |   |
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## Colophon

The 1992 school year was exciting but hectic as the \$90 million plus renovation project continued. That the building was functioning as a school was amazing, yet the school remained "open for business." Hence, our theme.

The 1992 Merrillvue staff was crammed into part of the library first semester with...a new adviser, Jackie Crone. The previous adviser, however, was still around as Valerie Tanke had become the yearbook representative for Walsworth Publishing.

Consequently, volume 67 of the Merrillvue was printed by Walsworth Publishing company, 306 North Kansas, Marceline, MO 64658.

Students submitted pages to the company window ready with six Macintosh computers and a LaserWriter II NT to design and paste up the pages. Software used included Page-Maker, Smart Art and Word Perfect.

Senior portraits and club and activity group pictures were taken by John Bir and John Golas of Golas Studios in Merrillville. Underclass portraits and athletic team pictures were taken by Halterman Photo Services in Ottawa, IL.

Books were sold for \$20, \$23 and \$30 throughout the year. A press run of 850 books was made for MHS, a school of 1200.

SmartArt was used for special headlines and initial letters, while other headlines were in Zaph Chancery, Helvetica, and New Century Schoolbook.

Body text and captions were 10pt. Palatino. Captions lead-ins were set in 14 pt. Zaph Chancery. Group pictures and underclass names were in 6 pt. Palatino.

The spot color in the senior section and on the cover was #273 royal purple. The cover, the first like this made by Walsworth, was a laminated full cover in litho with special art drawn by Jon of Walsworth.



*Closing...*  
**Taking a Break**



## Each person must head off into that sunset called summer vacation to revitalize for the coming year...

Looking back at the 1991-92 school year, sacrifice, compromise and progress come to mind. Change became so common that no one got used to anything—we all just survived, working together, through each inconvenience.

Who would have ever thought that we would be eating lunch in the Media Center? Certainly not Mr. Devillez!

But we dealt with it, got used to it, and actually enjoyed the carpet.

School maps become obsolete within days after they were created as new classrooms quickly replaced the old.

Even the office became nothing but a gaping hole in the wall—temporarily, of course.

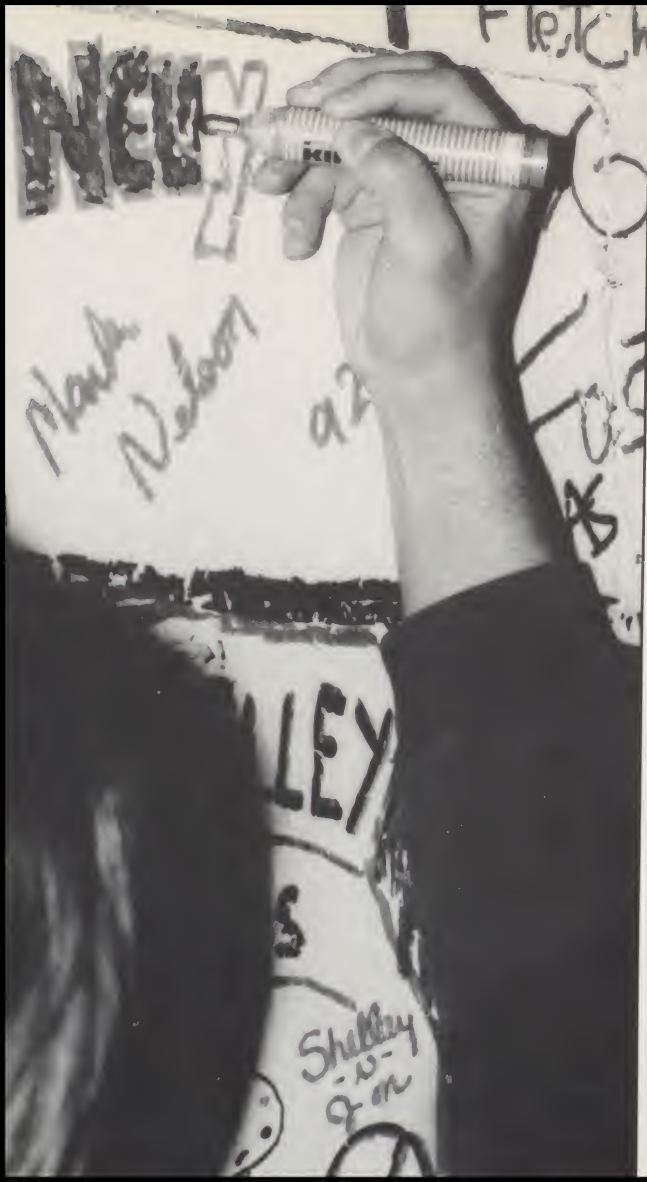
One inconvenience which did not change during the school year was the parking lot. What a mess! Students were constantly asking to go home to change because there was mud all over the back of their pants...only to return with new pants...but more mud...(continued)

### NO WAY NO MORE MUD

**OUT** Now that the school year is over, the MHS student body, faculty and staff can spend their time doing more important things than scraping the mud off their shoes. Hopefully, the 1992-93 school year will bring...pavement. (Perisho photo)

At least there was only one way out of that treacherous parking lot all year long. The rough terrain and the long wait each afternoon had students mad. But they all survived. (Perisho photo)





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## Open for Business

...And that wait! It was each man for himself in the parking lot. With only one exit and everyone dismissed at once, it took a long time to get home. Each person chose a strategy: Run and be first in line, wait and miss the rush, or accept the situation and yell back and forth to each other from their car windows or see whose stereo was the loudest.

But that long line also made them stop a minute and look around. Everyday something was different. Everyday progress was made. MHS was changing fast, and the final product was destined to be awesome.

### *SIGNING OFF*

Reaching above the crowd, Mark Nelson, senior, leaves his mark on the senior wall. The wall represented a place where seniors could express themselves—only within their square that is. (Perisho photo)

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased by 1.2 million (Office of National Statistics 1999). The number of people aged 85 and over has increased by 0.5 million in the same period.

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of the ageing population. The Department of Health (1999) has published a strategy for ageing, which sets out the government's commitment to improve the lives of older people. The strategy is based on three main principles: (1) to ensure that older people have the opportunity to live independently and actively; (2) to ensure that older people have access to the services and support they need; and (3) to ensure that older people are treated with respect and dignity.

The strategy is based on the following assumptions: (1) that older people are a valuable resource; (2) that older people have the right to live independently and actively; (3) that older people have the right to access the services and support they need; and (4) that older people should be treated with respect and dignity. The strategy is based on the following principles: (1) to ensure that older people have the opportunity to live independently and actively; (2) to ensure that older people have access to the services and support they need; and (3) to ensure that older people are treated with respect and dignity.

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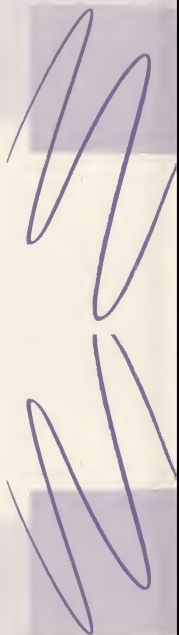
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